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Kiminosel

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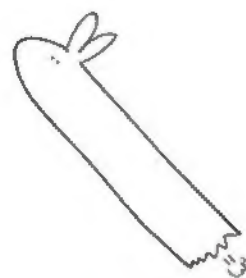
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kimi-no-sei

no-ha

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Zeniko Sumiya

Thank you very much for
picking this up. I've
always wanted to write
a story where the adults
who know impure things
have a platonic romance.
I would be happy if you
enjoy reading this!



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PLEASURE
AND SELF-
ENJOYMENT
ARE MY TOP
PRIORITY.

IN MY
LIFE,



I CAN'T
STOP
PLAYING
INSTRU-
MENTS
BECAUSE
IT FEELS
GOOD.



NO
MATTER
HOW
DIFFICULT
IT IS TO
BREATHE.



EVEN
THAT
GUY I'M
BAD AT
DEALING
WITH...

AND
BECAUSE
IT FEELS
GOOD...





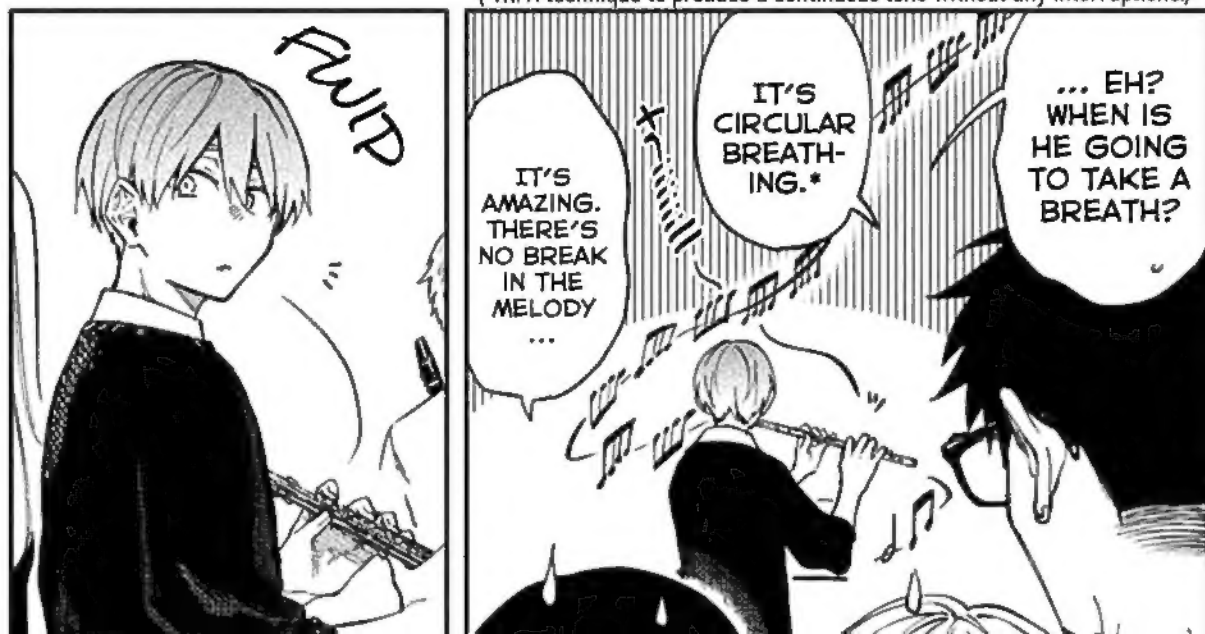




(*TN: Lead instrument changes depending on the music piece, but it's usually the instrument that plays the melody or featured the most prominently - eg. flute, trumpet, clarinet, etc.)



(*TN: A technique to produce a continuous tone without any interruptions.)





WHAT'S
SO GOOD
ABOUT A
FRIVOLOUS
GUY LIKE
THAT?

THE
PRINCE
OF THE
FLUTE
KING-
DOM...

A
PRINCE
...?

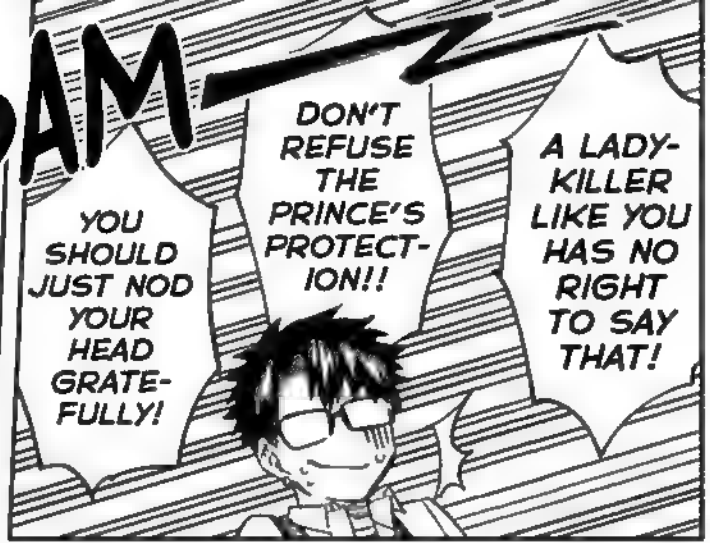
AND
MEET HIM
BY THE LAKE
EARLY IN THE
MORNING.

WITH
FLOWERS
BLOOMING
BEHIND HIS
BACK.

... I
WANT HIM
TO RIDE
A WHITE
HORSE.



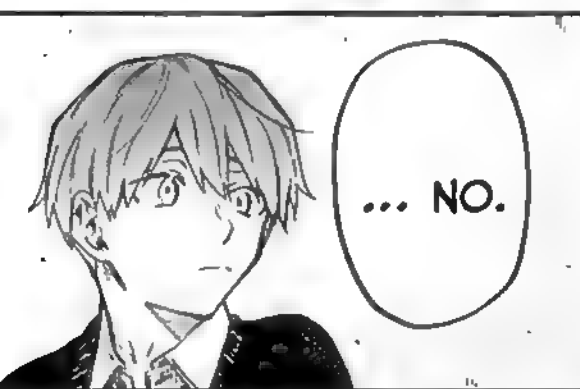
BAM













... WE'LL PROBABLY GET BANNED.





LET'S GO.

IT'S ABOUT TIME.



GOT IT.

NEXT WEEK.

WHEN SHOULD WE MEET NEXT?



step



MY GLASS-ES—

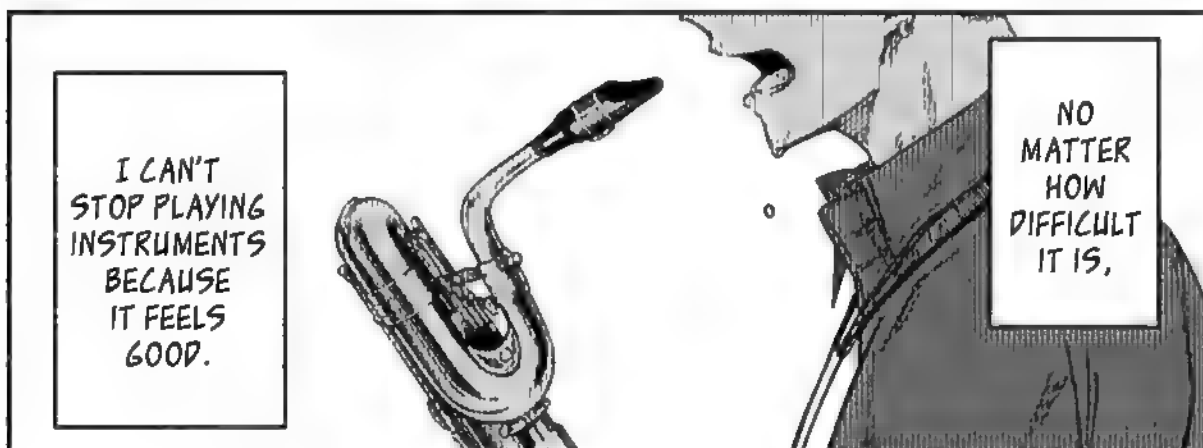
HEY, YANO.



tug









Profile



Yano Yukiji (25)

178cm, 68kg

Birthday: February 16th
Favorite Food: Whitebait*
Disliked Food: Carrots
Occupation: Bookstore clerk

(*TN: type of small fried fish)

↑
peers
↓

Shizuki Jun (25)

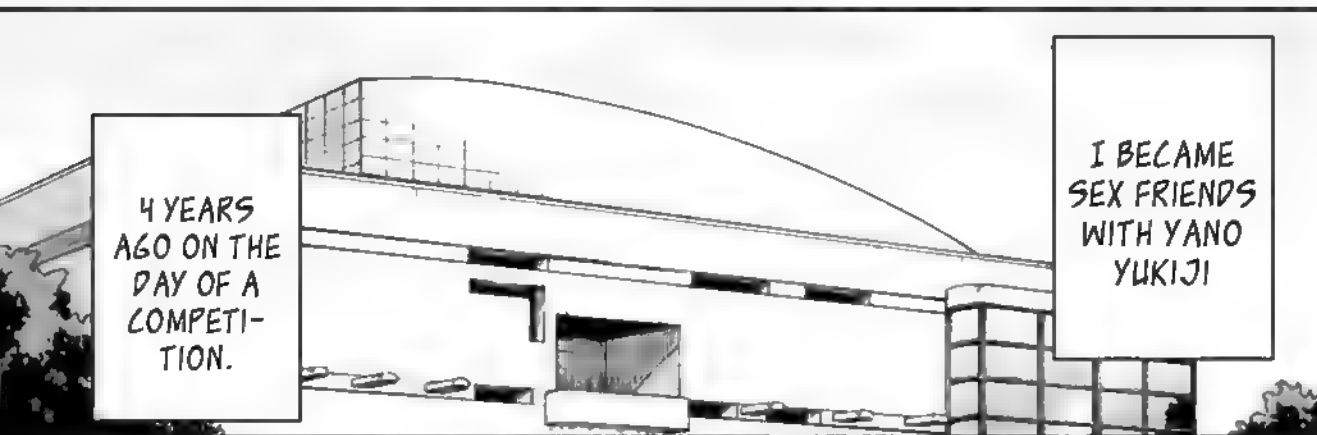
182cm, 73kg

Birthday: October 25th
Favorite Food: Seafood pasta
Disliked Food: Coriander
Occupation: Bartender



**YANO HAS
BIGGER HANDS.**

IT'S NOT THAT SHIZUKI HAS
SMALL HANDS, BUT YANO HAS
LONG FINGERS





AS
MUCH AS
POSSIBLE,
I DON'T
WANNA GET
INVOLVED
WITH HIM.

LET ME
EXPLAIN MY
OPINION OF
YANO AT
THAT TIME.



AND
HE'S A
NATURAL
AIRHEAD.

Sure
Where
to?

Please
go out
with me!



HE
WEARS A
CONSTANT
SMILE.



HE
ALWAYS
HAS A
CALM DE-
MEANOR.



SOMEONE
WHOSE
INTENTIONS
ARE HARD
TO READ.

YANO IS
THE TYPE OF
PERSON I
STRUGGLE
THE MOST
WITH.

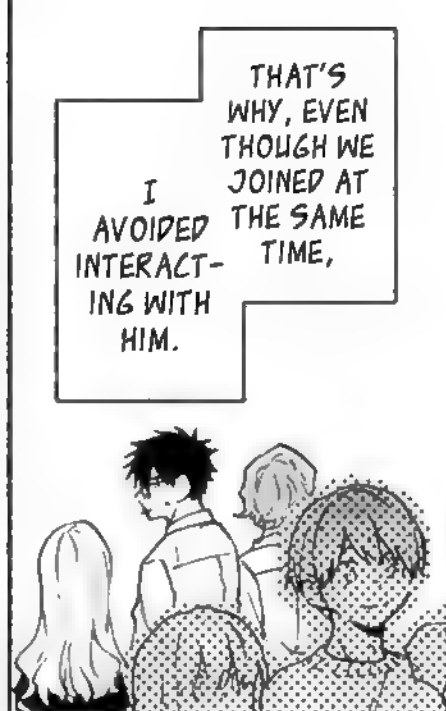
SOMEONE
LIKE ME WHO
RELIES ON
UNDERSTAND-
ING PEOPLE'S
FEELINGS...



IT'S
STANDING
UP??

PFFT

AND NOW,
MY FIRST
PROPER
CONVERSA-
TION WITH
HIM IS
THIS...



THAT'S
WHY, EVEN
THOUGH WE
JOINED AT
THE SAME
TIME,
I
AVOIDED
INTERACT-
ING WITH
HIM.



THIS
IS THE
WORST.



Hah



IT'S MY
THING, I
KNOW. JUST
LEAVE ME
ALONE,
IDIOT.

THIS GUY
TOTALLY
LACKS
DELICACY.



IT'S
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS.



WHEN-
EVER I END
A GOOD
PERFORM-
ANCE...



AH.
HA
HA.

SORRY,



IT'LL...



AFTER
A FEW
MINUTES,



... AT
THIS POINT,
I'LL HAVE
TO JERK
OFF...

UM...

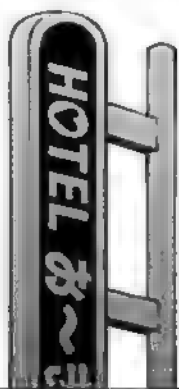


NO! IT
WON'T
SETTLE
DOWN!!

Whis - I'M
ALSO
THE
SAME
... Pen



DO
YOU...
WANT TO
HEAD OUT
FOR A
BIT?



I'M NOT
SURE WHY
I AGREED
WITH HIS
SUGGESTION
BACK THEN.



... OR
MAYBE I WAS
POSSESSED
BY THE GHOST
OF A MONKEY
IN HEAT.

IT'S
PROBABLY
BECAUSE
THE LACK
OF OXYGEN
TURNED ME
INTO AN
IDIOT.



AND
WHEN I
REGAINED
MY
SENSES...



JUST
LETTING
OUR LIBIDO
CONTROL
US...



IT GOT SO
INTENSE
THAT I
COULDN'T
EVEN BEAR
TO THINK
ABOUT IT.

EVEN
THOUGH WE
WERE BOTH
STRAIGHT,



* IMAGE



AFTER
THAT, WE
RETURNED
TO THE
VENUE TO
HEAR THE
RESULTS.



LET'S
PRETEND
THIS
NEVER
HAPPEN-
ED.

... I
ENDED IT
WITH THE
WORST
LINE.



MY SECRET
WITH YANO
WAS BURIED
AND NEVER
BROUGHT UP
AGAIN.

WITH THE
JOY AND
EXCITEMENT
FROM PAR-
TICIPATING IN
THE BRANCH
TOURNAMENT,



... WHICH
I WISHED
WAS THE
CASE,
BUT...



SINCE WE'RE BOTH GUYS, THE PROBABILITY OF IT PROGRESSING INTO LOVE IS ALSO LOW.



HE'S THE SAME TYPE OF PERVERT AS ME.

... HE ALSO GETS AROUSED AFTER A PERFORMANCE.

SO, I NEGOTIATED WITH HIM.



HE AND I COULD BECOME PARTNERS AND DO THE PHYSICAL ACT THAT WE BOTH ENJOY...

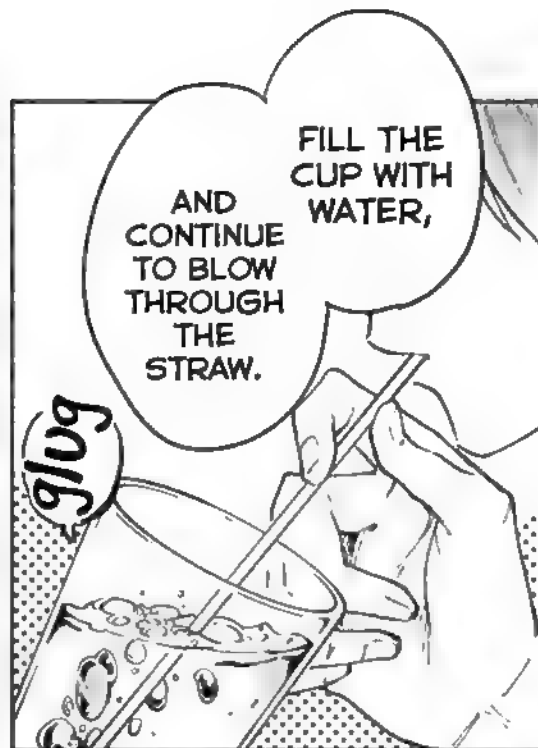
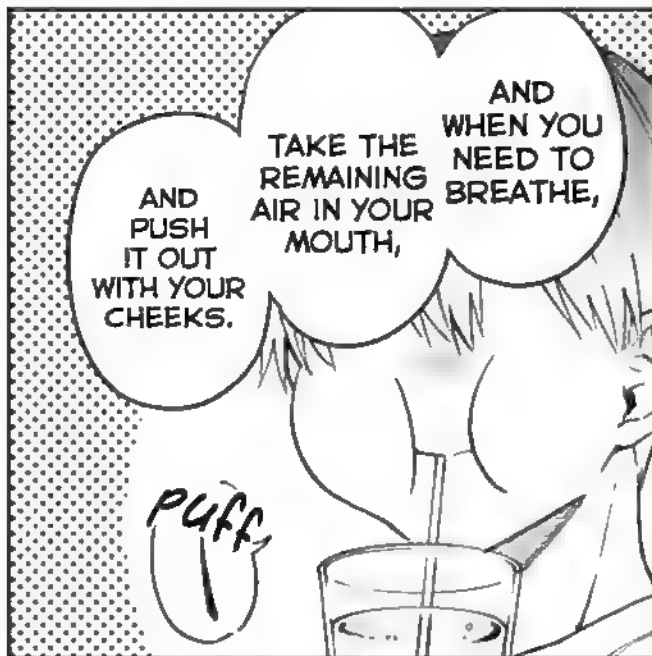


WITH THESE TWO PROMISES, WE BECAME SEX FRIENDS.



AND WE WON'T INTERACT MORE THAN NECESSARY.

WE WON'T MEET IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES,

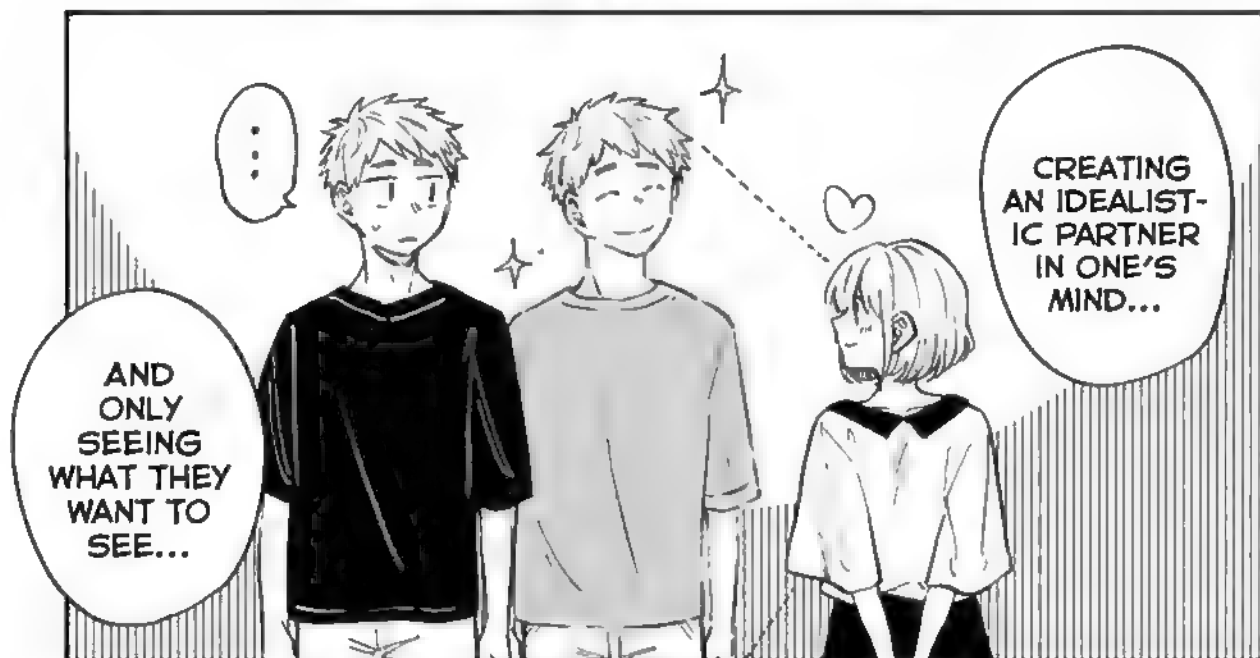








LOVE IS
HEAVY AND
SELFISH.



AND
ONLY
SEEING
WHAT THEY
WANT TO
SEE...

CREATING
AN IDEALIST-
IC PARTNER
IN ONE'S
MIND...



I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
WERE THAT
TYPE OF
PERSON.

THEY'D
SAY THAT
LINE WITH A
GOODBYE.

BUT WHEN
IT DOESN'T
SEEM TO
FIT THEIR
IDEALS,



IT
INSTANTLY
FELT TOO
TROUBLE-
SOME.

SO
AROUND
THE TIME I
BROKE UP
WITH MY 5TH
LOVER...

IF I
SAY I LIKE
THINGS
THAT MAKE
ME FEEL
IT'LL
ONLY LEAVE GOOD,
A BAD IM-
PRESSION
IN MATTERS
INVOLVING
LOVE.

FROM
THEN ON,
I ONLY
HAD SEX
FRIENDS.

I LIKE
GIRLS,
BUT...

THEIR
BEAUTY
LOOKS
APPEALING
TO THE
EYES,
BUT...

IT'S THE
SAME AS
FLOWERS
...



PLEASURE
WILL ALWAYS
BE MY TOP
PRIORITY.



MAKE
THEM DENY
ME THE
THINGS I
LIKE,

IF
PEOPLE'S
ODD EXPECT-
TATIONS AND
IDEALS,



THEN,
I'D RATHER
JUST STAY
AS SEX
FRIENDS
WITH
YOU.





KISS



















IT'S JUST
A WASTE
OF MONEY
AND TIME.



WE'RE
JUST SEX
IF YOU'RE FRIENDS.
NOT GOING
TO DO IT,
THEN JUST
GO HOME.



BUT
YANO IS
EARNEST-
LY KIND...

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO GAIN.



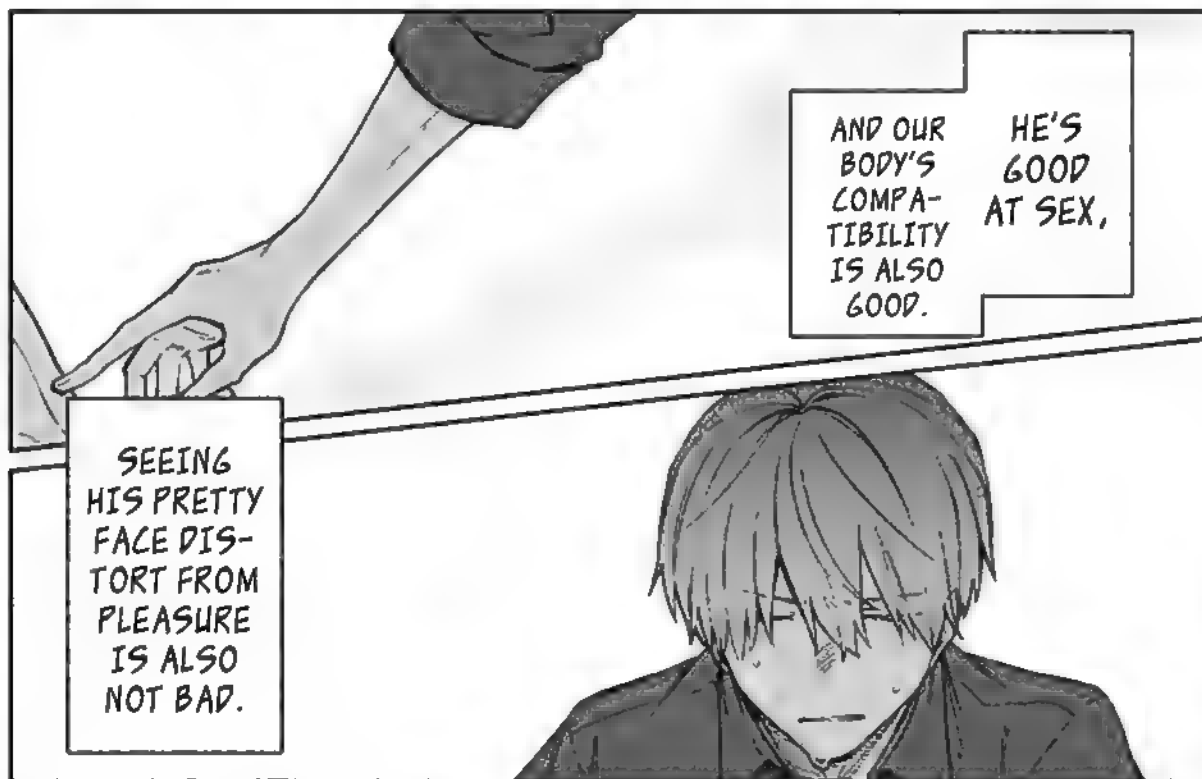


YANO
IS A
SUPERIOR
BEING.

WHOOSH

THE FACT
THAT I CAN'T
READ HIS
INTENTIONS
MAKES ME
SUSPICIOUS,
BUT...

SUPERIOR



AND OUR
BODY'S
COMPA-
TIBILITY
IS ALSO
GOOD.

HE'S
GOOD
AT SEX,

SEEING
HIS PRETTY
FACE DIS-
TORT FROM
PLEASURE
IS ALSO
NOT BAD.



MORE
THAN ANY-
THING, THE
SOUND OF
A FLUTE
IS...

HIS
VOICE
QUALITY
IS GOOD
TOO.

HIS
CONDE-
SCENDING
ATTITUDE
ANNOYS
ME, BUT
...



(*TN: FROM THE HOTEL STAFF)







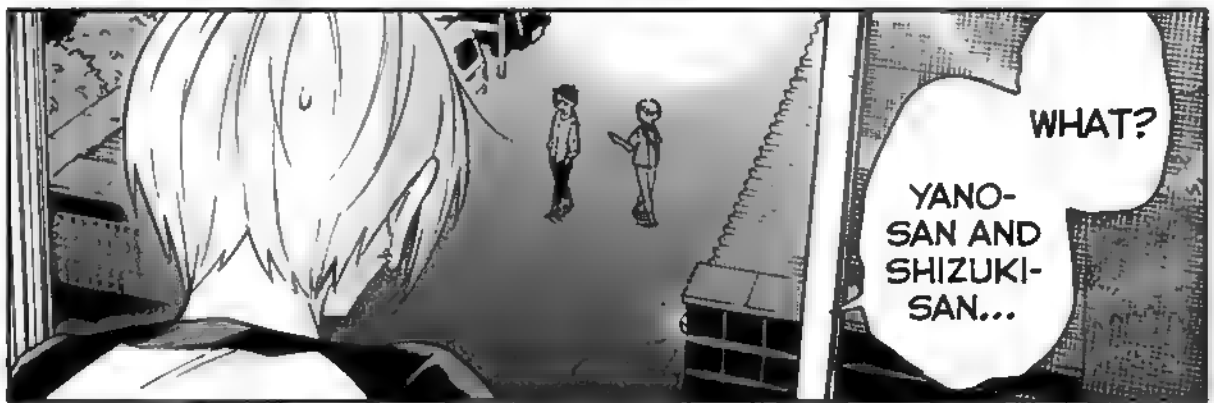




IF ONLY
YOU'D SAY
THAT YOU
LIKE IT.











JUNKO-
CHAN.

EX-
CUSE ME,
SHIZUKI-
SAN~...



THEN
THAT'S FINE,
BUT...

IF YOU
DON'T WANT TO
ANSWER ...



NO...

UM...

WHAT'S
WRONG
...?



DO YOU
HAVE
A LOVER
...?







EH?

WAIT!

DO YOU
HAVE A
LOVER?

POP



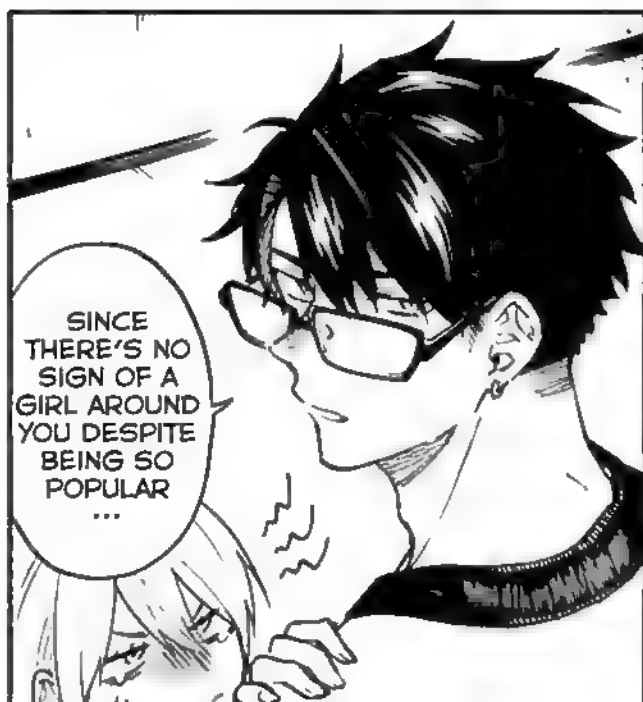
JUNKO-
CHAN,
YOU'RE
BEING
LOUD.

SHRIEK

I
HAVEN'T
PREPARED
MYSELF
FOR A
HEART-
BREAK
YET!!

WAIT A
MINUTE!
WHY SHIZUKI-
ARE YOU SAN!
ASKING
THAT
RIGHT
NOW!?

SHRIEK



SINCE
THERE'S NO
SIGN OF A
GIRL AROUND
YOU DESPITE
BEING SO
POPULAR
...

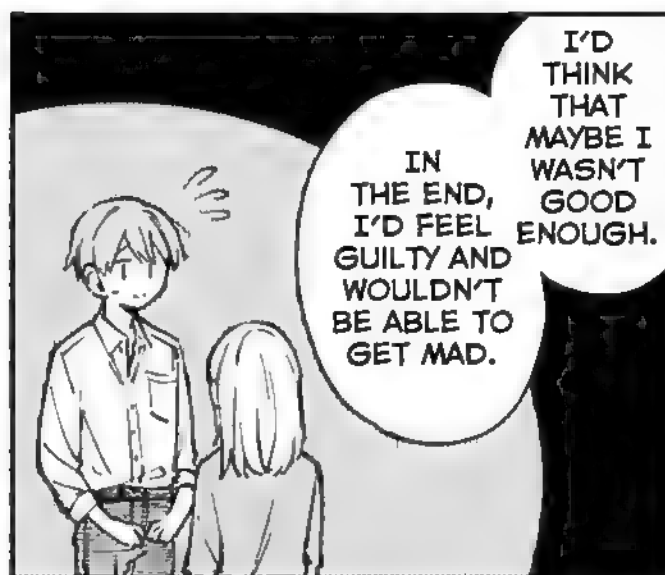


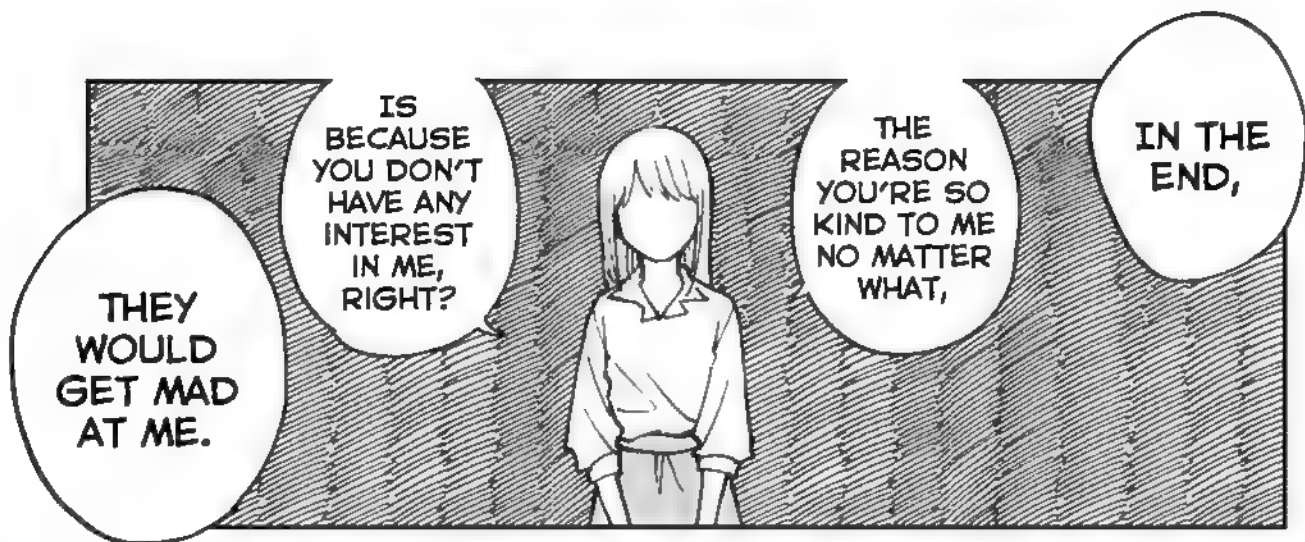
WELL,
I'M
ALSO
CURI-
OUS.













HAHA

(scratch)

I GOT TIRED OF IT ALWAYS BEING LIKE THIS...

SO, I DON'T PLAN ON DATING AGAIN ANY TIME SOON.



OW!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

PUNCH



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

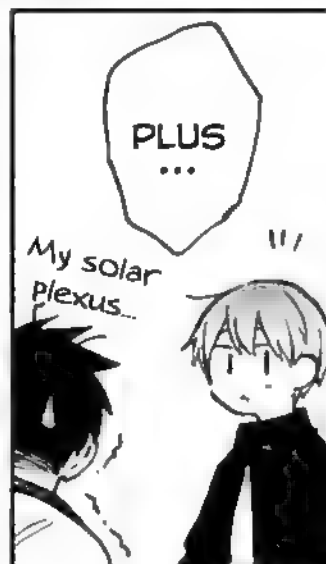
Is that so...

? shocked!



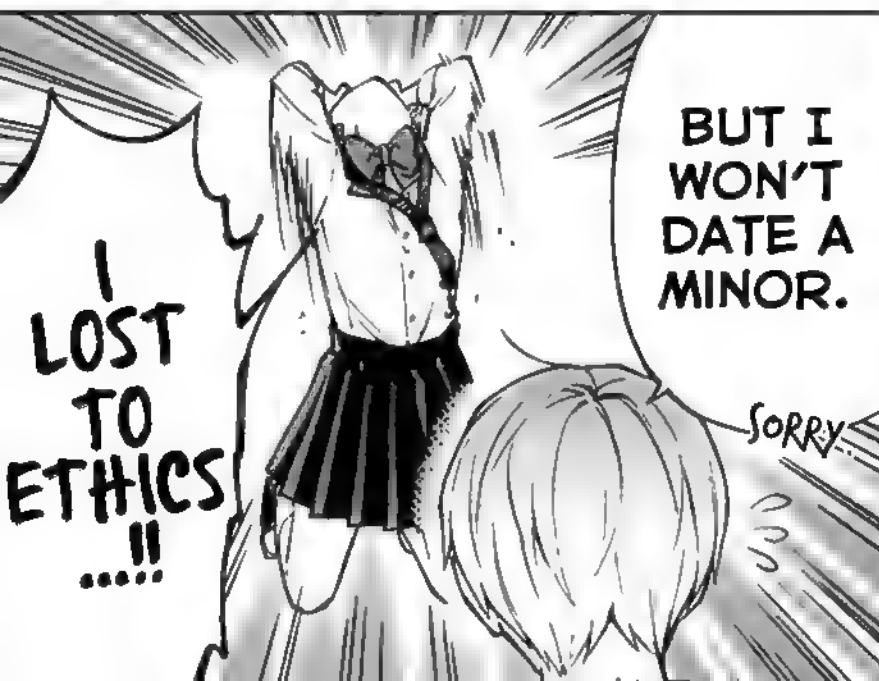
YOU MIGHT WANT TO DATE AGAIN...

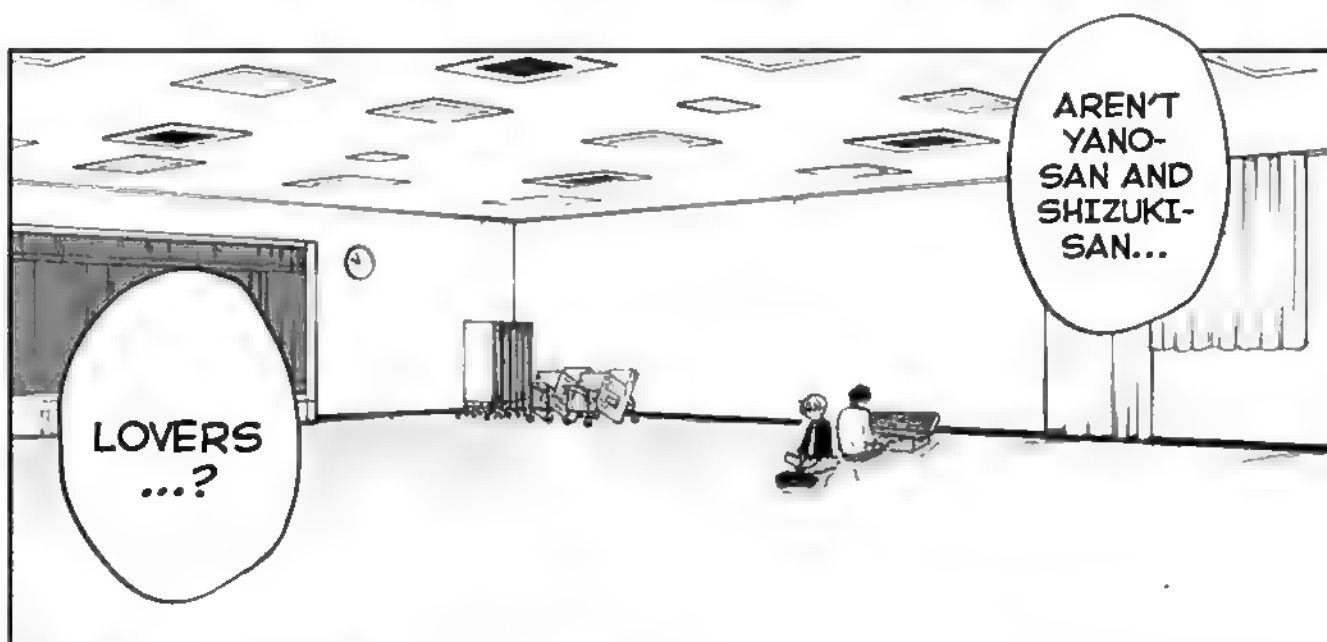
THERE MIGHT BE...
A CHANCE ...



PLUS ...

My solar plexus...





SO I
TREATED
THEM
KINDLY.

I
WANTED
TO BE
KIND,



BUT
...

I STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
LOVE.





IF YOU
WERE
JUST A
KIND
GUY,

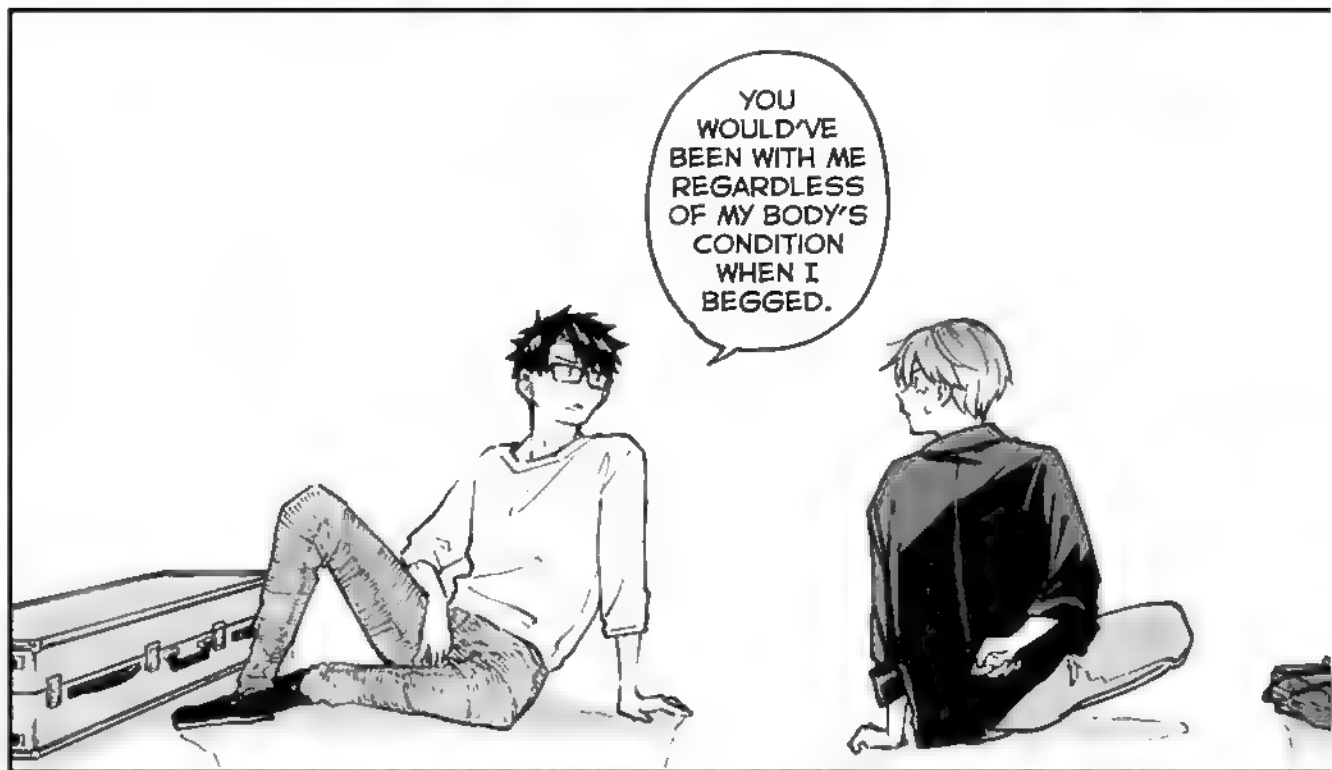
WHAT-

Snap

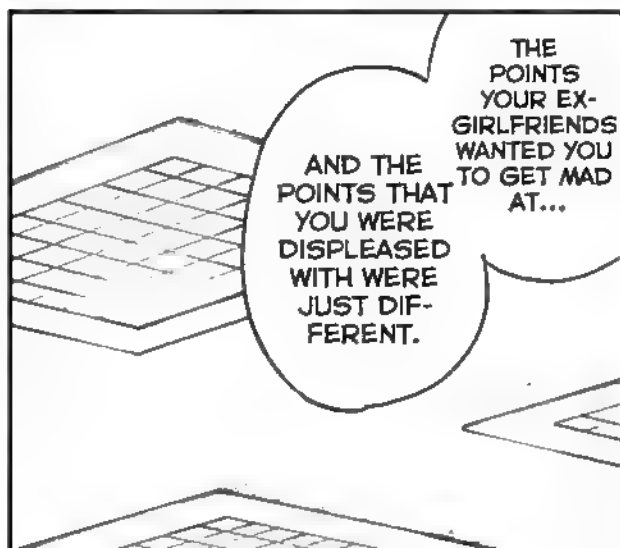


AA
AA
H!?

BAM

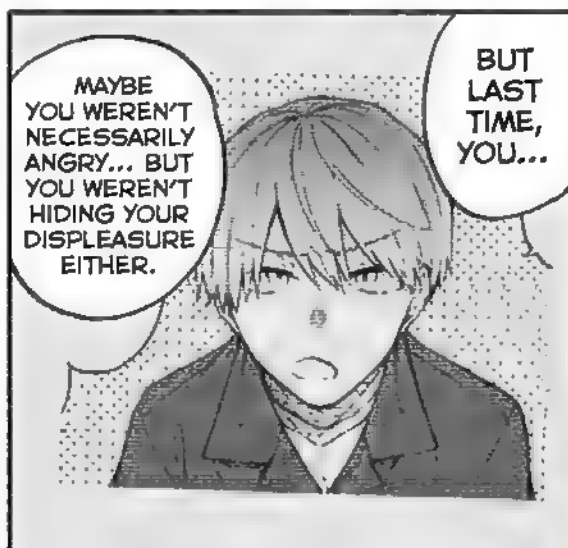


YOU
WOULD'VE
BEEN WITH ME
REGARDLESS
OF MY BODY'S
CONDITION
WHEN I
BEGGED.



AND THE
POINTS THAT
YOU WERE
DISPLEASED
WITH WERE
JUST DIF-
FERENT.

THE
POINTS
YOUR EX-
GIRLFRIENDS
WANTED YOU
TO GET MAD
AT...



MAYBE
YOU WEREN'T
NECESSARILY
ANGRY... BUT
YOU WEREN'T
HIDING YOUR
DISPLEASURE
EITHER.

BUT
LAST
TIME,
YOU...

THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
OR BAD
ABOUT
IT.



[SNAP]



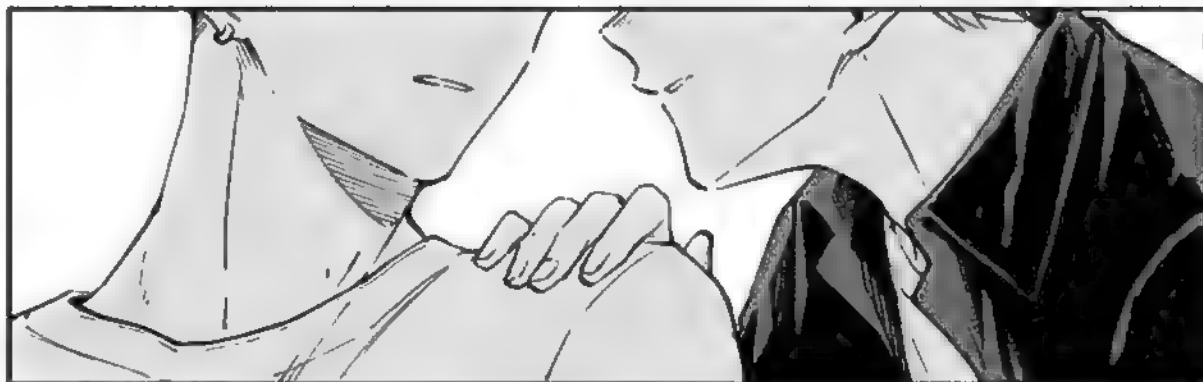
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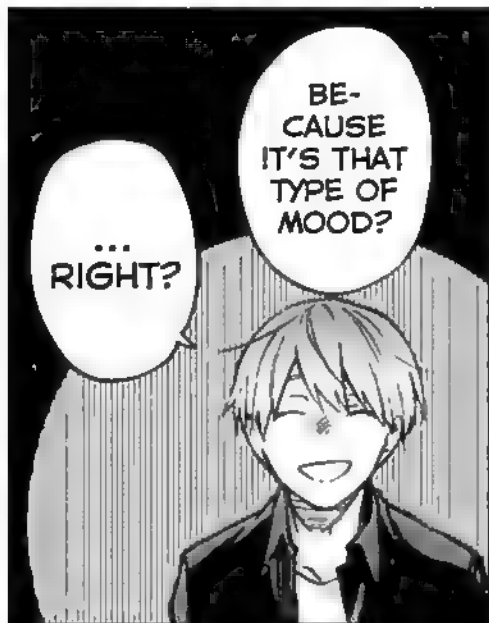


AH?

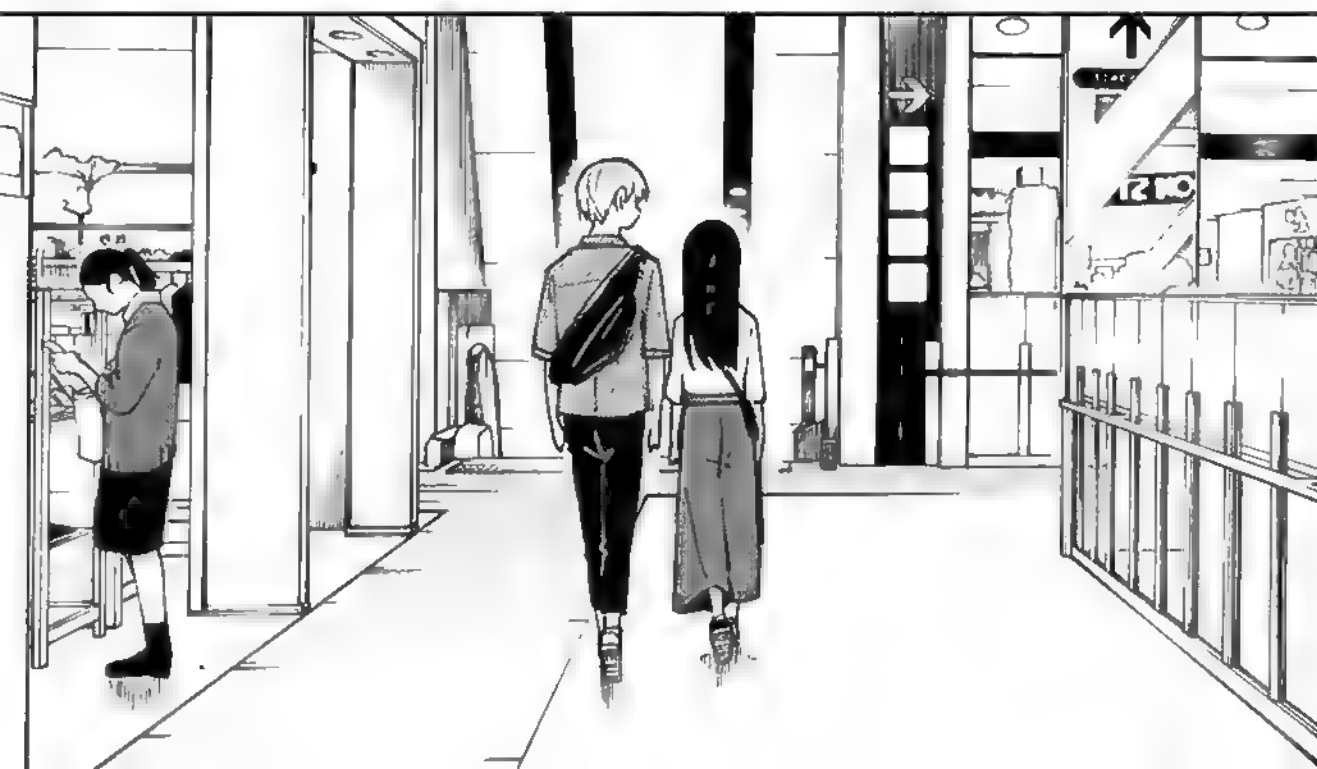
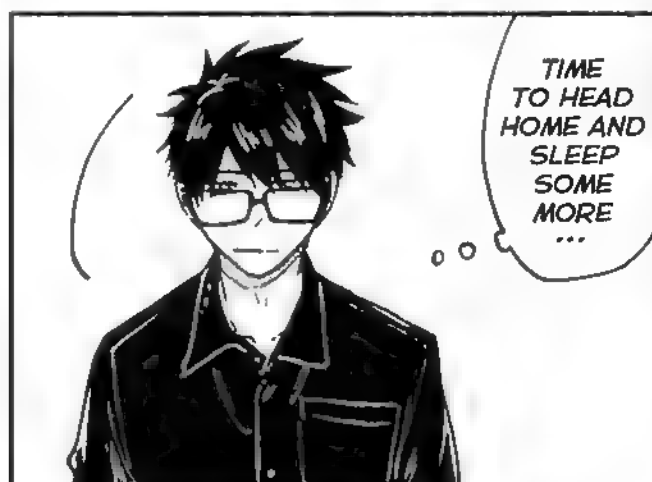
SHIZUKI-
KUN.





















I'VE
BECOME
STRANGE
EVER SINCE
I SAW YANO
THAT DAY.



IT'D BE
LIKE THE
PAIN OF
CHOKING
ON SOBA
AFTER
EATING IT
IN ONE GO.

IF I
WERE TO
COMPARE
IT,

CHOKED

IT'S LIKE
THERE'S AN
ILL FEELING
IN THE PIT
OF MY
STOMACH.



SPEAKING
OF WHICH,
IN THE
PAST...

doze



OR MAYBE
I'M JUST
JEALOUS OF
HIS CLOSE
RELATION-
SHIP WITH
GIRLS.

BECAUSE
I HAVE
SHIZUKI-
KUN RIGHT
NOW.

I DON'T
KNOW IF IT'S
BECAUSE I'M
CONFUSED
WITH THE
CONTRA-
DICTION OF
HIS WORDS
AND ACT-
IONS...



OH~



ache
ache

...
-HURTS.

A
SIMILAR
EXPERI-
ENCE...



IT'S
GROWING
SEASON~

pat

YOU
GREW
TALLER
AGAIN?

pat

... tsk!



NO
HONORI-
FICS!!
YOU'RE A
MIDDLE
SCHOOLER
IN HIS
REBEL-
LIIOUS
PHASE~

SHUT
UP,
AKEMI!!

SMACK



JUN-
CHAN~







YOU'VE
REALLY
GROWN
UP.



YOUR
CUTENESS
HAS REALLY
DISAPPEAR-
ED~!!

...YOU
SOUND
LIKE AN
OLD
LADY.







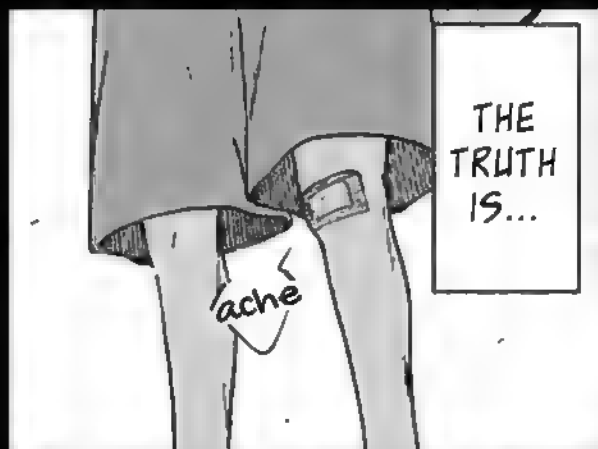


MY
THROAT

FEELS
LIKE IT'S
CLOGGED.



... WHAT
IS THIS?



THE
TRUTH
IS...



ache

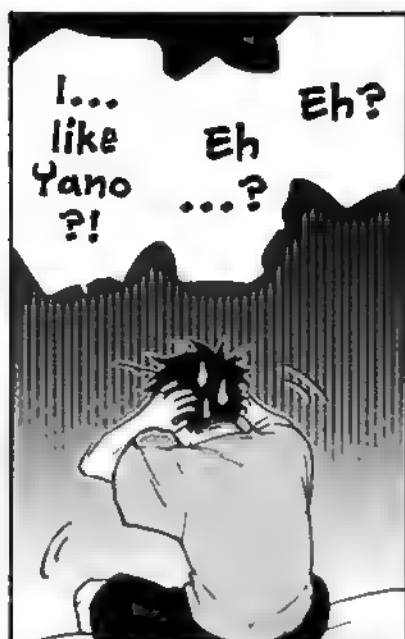
... AH,
IS THAT
SO.

I WAS
JUST
ACTING
SHY AND
NERVOUS.

ache

I WASN'T
"BAD AT DEALING
WITH HER", IT
WAS ACTUALLY
"LIKE" INSTEAD.







(TN Sh.zuki realizes he could've fallen for Yano at any point.)





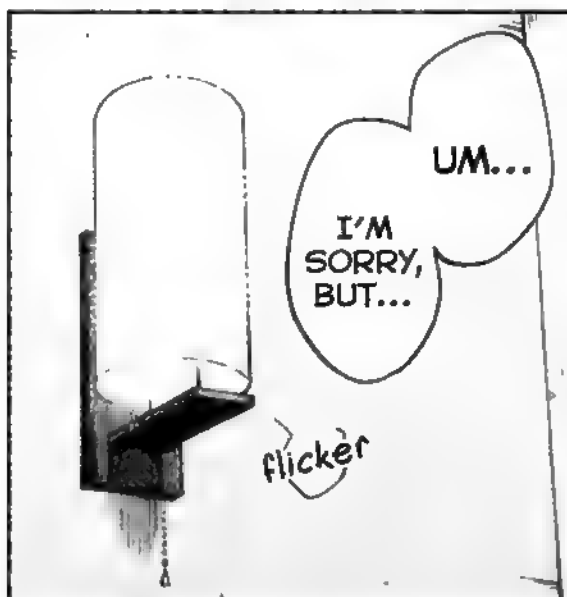




I CAN'T
DO THIS
ANYMORE.







LET'S
STOP-

BEING
SEX
FRIENDS.





AND
SEND
OXYGEN
TO YOUR
BRAIN.

WHEN
YOU'RE
PANICKING,
TAKE DEEP
BREATHS

IT'S
NOT LIKE
WE'LL USE
IT ANY-
MORE.

...
PROBABLY.

WE HAVE
A GROUP
CHAT FOR
ENSEMBLE
PRACTICE
ANYWAY.

IS IT
BETTER
TO DELETE
EACH
OTHER'S
CONTACT
INFO?

... YEAH.

Older Brother
You sent a sticker
17:01

Archive

Delete

Yesterday

Yano Akira
You sent a sticker
June 28th

Mom
Okay~
June 27



YOU'VE
NEVER
FALLEN
IN LOVE,
RIGHT?



UNCLE
YUKIJI~



... WELL,
I'VE HAD
A LOVER.

IN FACT,
I'VE HAD
SIX.



ALSO, DON'T ADD
'KUN' TO
MY NAME
ANYMORE.
DOESN'T
SOUND
CUTE.

BUT
YOU'RE
MY UNCLE
THOUGH.

DON'T
CALL ME
UNCLE,
AKIRA-
KUN.

IT
MAKES
ME FEEL
OLD...

NEPHEW

AKIRA (17)



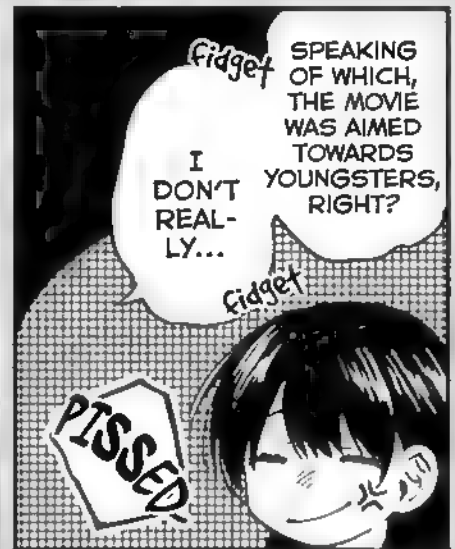
YOU
CONSTANT-
LY HAD A
CONFUSED
FACE.

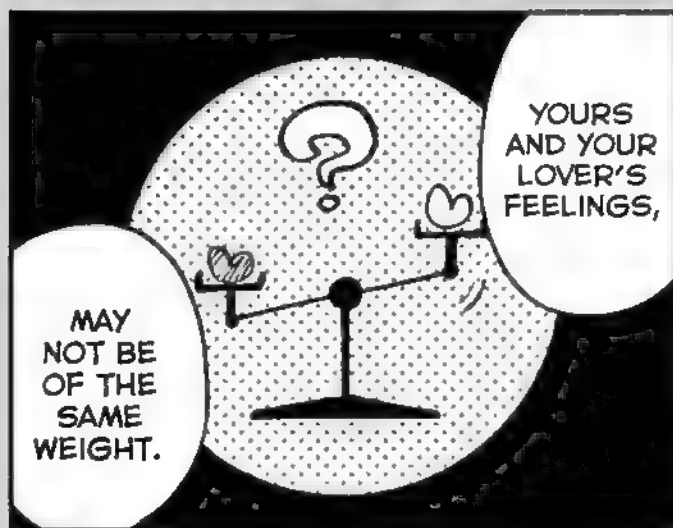
EVEN
WHILE
WE WERE
WATCHING
THE MOVIE,

YOU SEEM
TO HAVE
NO UNDER-
STANDING
OF THE FUN-
DAMENTALS
OF ROMAN-
CE...

BUT
HOW
DO I
SAY
IT...









YOU'RE
SATISFIED
WITH JUST
GIVING-



WITHOUT
EXPECTING
ANYTHING IN
RETURN.



AND
WHEN-
EVER THAT
HAPPENS,
HOW DOES
YUKI-CHAN
RESPOND
...?



THEY
DID SAY
THAT...

SEE~!

DIDN'T
YOUR EX-
GIRLFRIEND
ALSO SAY
THAT YOU
WERE
SCARY~?



Isetan
Takashimaya !!*

WHAT
SHOULD
I GIVE TO
HIM IN
RETURN
...!?

HE
ONLY
BUYS
GOOD
THINGS
...

MOM
HAS ALWAYS
TROUBLED
HERSELF
OVER WHAT
TO GIVE TO
YOU IN RE-
TURN.

SHE
... SHE
DOESN'T
NEED TO...



YOU
ALSO BUY
STRANGELY
EXPENSIVE
SNACKS

AS
SOUVENIRS,
RIGHT?

(*TN: High-end department stores in Japan)



AND WANTS
NOTHING IN
RETURN.

YOU'RE THE
TYPE THAT
WANTS TO
GIVE TOO
MUCH,

WE WENT
OFF-TOPIC,
BUT...

stare...



ACTING
LIKE THAT
WILL ONLY
MAKE THEM
FEEL UNEASY
AND LONE-
LY...

TO
THOSE
WHO
 CRAVE
ROMAN-
CE,



LIKE
WANTING
THEM TO
SAY THEY
LIKE YOU?

chew

chew

HAVE
YOU
NEVER
FELT
THAT
WAY?

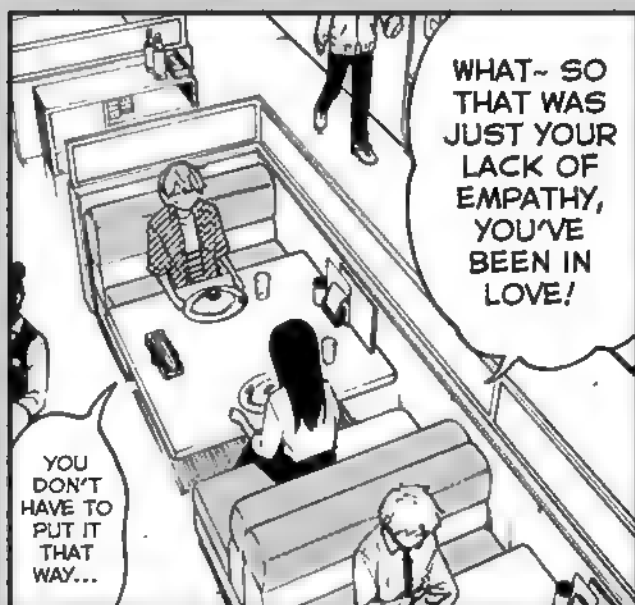
"IF ONLY
YOU'D SAY
THAT YOU
LIKE IT."

Ah.



WHAT~ SO
THAT WAS
JUST YOUR
LACK OF
EMPATHY,
YOU'VE
BEEN IN
LOVE!

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
PUT IT
THAT
WAY...



EH?
YOU
HAVE!?

...
AHH~



AKIRA-
CHAN, IF YOU
MOVE THAT
MUCH, YOUR
WIG WILL
SLIP.

TELL
ME IF
THERE'S
ANY UP-
DATES!!

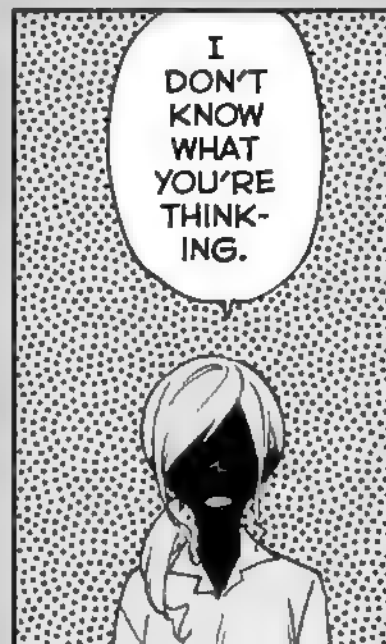
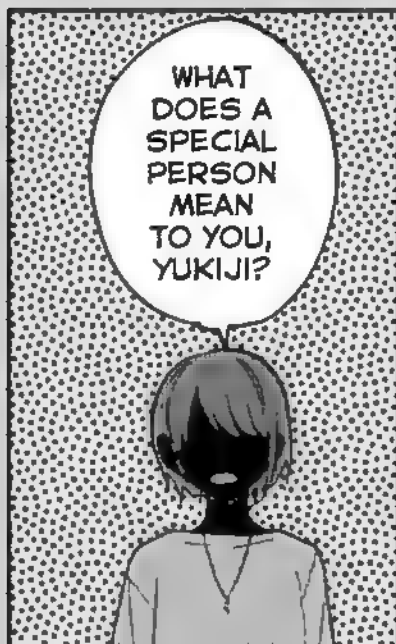
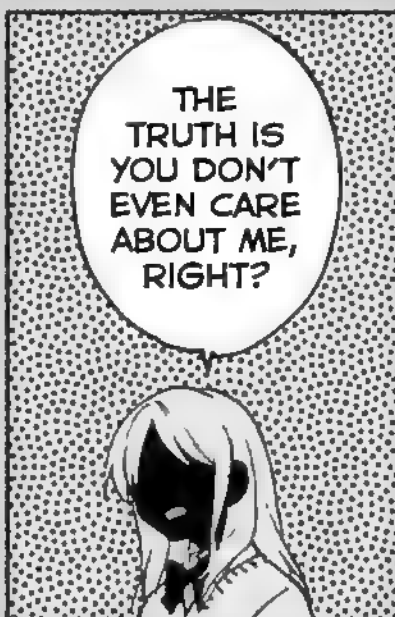
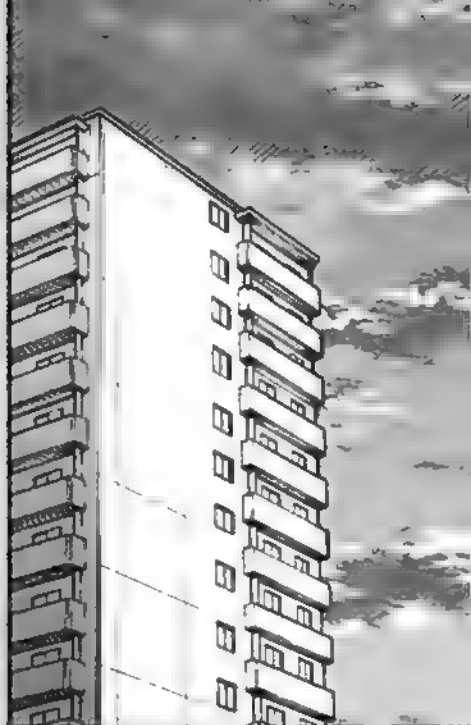
Is it
currently
in prog-
ress?



I
DON'T
HAVE
ANY~

WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
ARE THEY!?
ANY PICT-
URES!?







BEING
KIND IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
BE CALLED
LOVE.



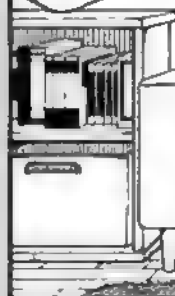
WHY DID
IT BECOME
LIKE THIS?



BUT IT
SEEMS
LIKE I
HAVEN'T
LEARNED
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

GULP

I
THOUGHT
I ALREADY
LEARNED
IT THE
HARD
WAY...

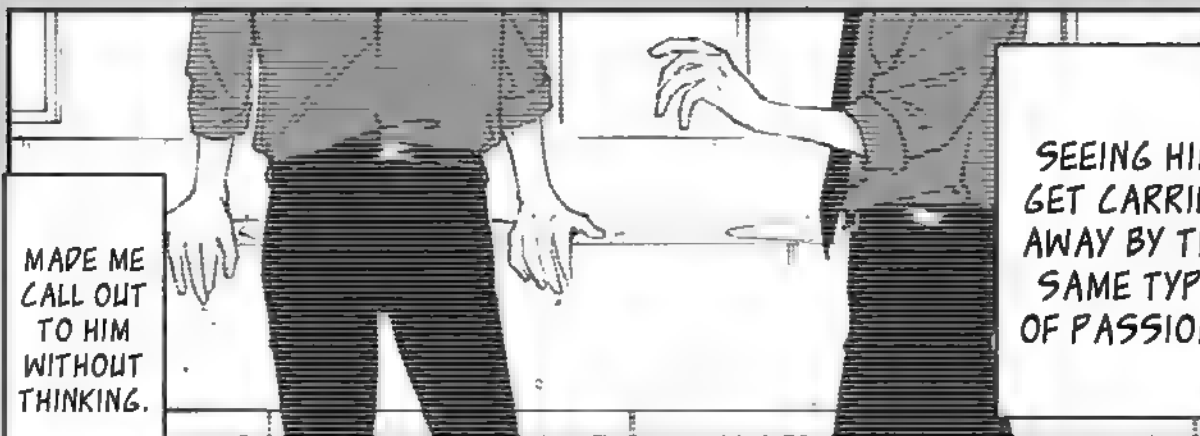




AT
FIRST,
IT WAS
JUST
PURELY
OUT OF
CURIOSITY.



EVEN
THOUGH WE'VE
NEVER TALKED
PROPERLY
BEFORE,



MADE ME
CALL OUT
TO HIM
WITHOUT
THINKING.

SEEING HIM
GET CARRIED
AWAY BY THE
SAME TYPE
OF PASSION-



AND WHEN HE BROUGHT UP THE TOPIC OF BECOMING SEX FRIENDS, I WAS SO SURPRISED.

YES

SO WHEN HE AGREED TO MY SUGGESTION

!?



I'VE HEARD HE LIKES GIRLS.



SUR-

I'M OKAY WITH IT, BUT...

... SEX FRIENDS?

PRISED



... NOT REALLY.



SHIZUKI-KUN, YOU DON'T MIND THAT WE'RE BOTH GUYS ...?

NOT TO MENTION, YOU'RE ALSO THE ONE BEING HELD...



AND HIS
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
WAY OF
THINKING...

THE 'HIM'
WHO'S
FAITHFUL
AND LOYAL
WITH WHAT
HE WANTS

HE'S
THE
WORST,
BUT...

UNPRIN-
CIPLED AND
UNHEALTHY.

?

I
WAS
TIRED
OF LOVE,
BUT-

I DON'T
DISLIKE
BEING WITH
SOMEONE.

I'LL TRY
PLAYING
AROUND
WITH HIM
FOR A
WHILE.

What's
with this
sticker...

I'LL BE IN
YOUR CARE

I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
NICE AND
SIMPLE.

I'LL
EVENTUAL-
LY END IT
AT SOME
POINT.

Okay.

Don't
contact me
unless it's
important.

PLAY
AROUND
FOR A BIT,
AND WHEN
I'M SATIS-
FIED...

X SLEEPING
O PASSED OUT

Hehe

SHIZUKI-
KUN'S
SLEEPING
FACE IS SO
CUTE.

EVENT-
UALLY...

...
DON'T
TALK TO
ME.

SHIZUKI-
KUN REALLY
DOES LIKE
THE BARI-
TONE
SAX~

EVENT-
UALLY...

nn.

WHEN
WILL THIS
'EVENTUALLY'
COME~!?

AH

BUT
BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I
WAS ALREADY
IN TOO DEEP.



I'LL
DEFINITELY
BE CUT
OFF...

WE'RE
OVER
AS SEX
FRIENDS.

TOO
SERIOUS
AND
GROSS.



IF
HE FINDS
OUT ABOUT
MY FEEL-
INGS...

HAH,
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO
NOW...



SO
ALL THE
GIRLS I'VE
DATED UP
UNTIL NOW
FELT LIKE
THIS...

I SEE...
SO THIS
IS LOVE. I
DON'T LIKE
THIS...

IT'S
TRUE THAT
I'VE NEVER
BEEN THIS
EMOTIONAL
BEFORE...

AH,
I'M SO
SORRY
...!

A
WEIRD
25
YEAR
OLD



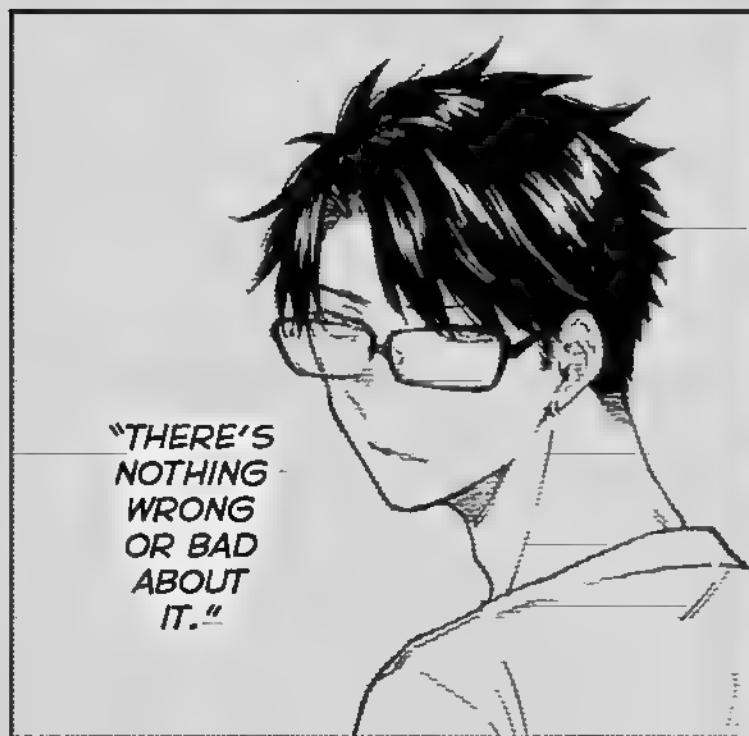
Stay
away
from
me!

The
worst...

IMAGINARY
SHIZUKI-KUN
CALLING ME
ALL SORTS
OF INSULTS
...

JUST
THINKING
ABOUT IT
MAKES
ME FEEL
SICK...

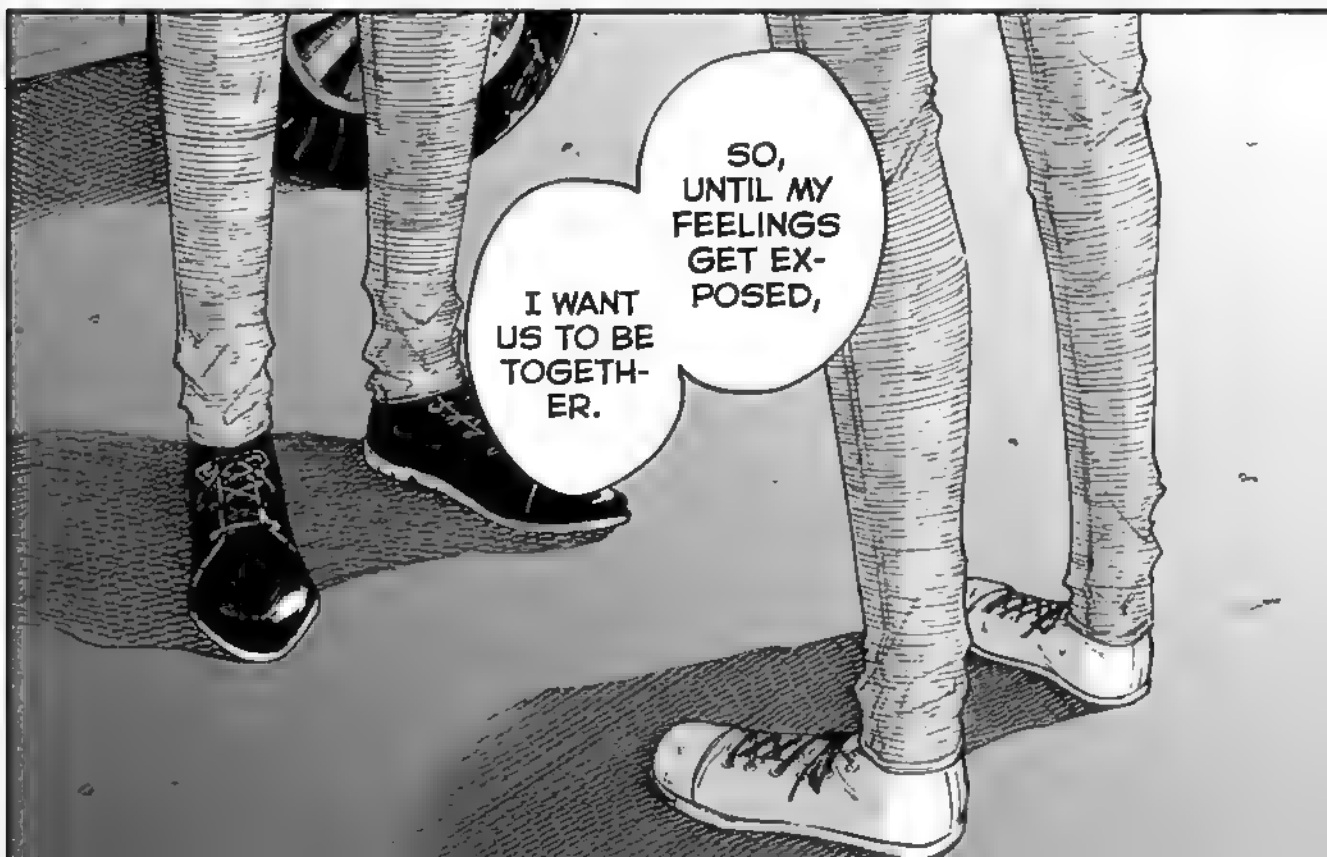
DEPRESSED



"THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
OR BAD
ABOUT
IT."



... BUT-







IS THIS MY
PUNISHMENT
FOR NOT
BEING ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND MY
GIRLFRIENDS'
FEELINGS?

DID
HE FIND
SOMEONE
HE LIKES?

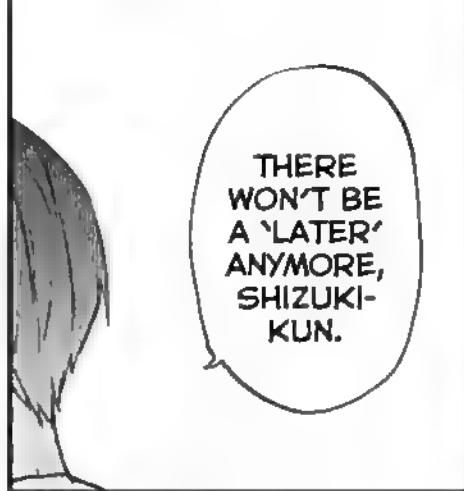


DID HE
HATE THE
KISS?



DID HE
FIND OUT
I LIKE
HIM?



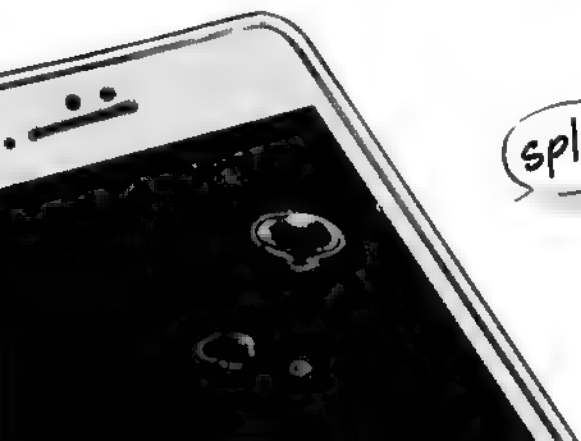


THERE
WON'T BE
A 'LATER'
ANYMORE,
SHIZUKI-
KUN.



YOU'VE
NEVER
ONCE
SAID
THAT
TO ME
BEFORE.

YOU
SAID
SEE YOU
LATER,
BUT...



splat

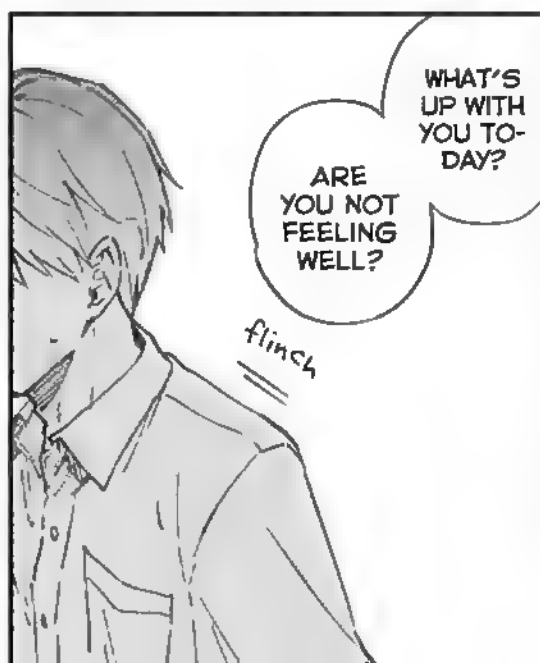
WHAT
DID I DO
WRONG?



His heart was extremely shaken.

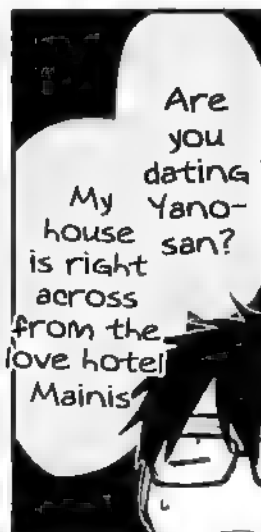














AND
YANO-
SAN.

WHAT
HAPPENED
BETWEEN
YOU-



WHAT I'M
CURIOUS
ABOUT
IS...



EH?

WAS
THAT BE-
CAUSE OF
YOU?



THE
YANO-
SAN OF
YESTER-
DAY...

WAS
CLEARLY
ACTING
STRANGE,
RIGHT?



I
CAN'T
THINK
OF ANY
REASON
WHY-

WE
DON'T
USUALLY
TALK AT
ALL.

BE-
CAUSE
...



Why
me?



IF YOU'RE
REALLY NOT
DATING EACH
OTHER, THEN
THAT MEANS
YOU TWO
ARE SEX
FR-

WAIT!!

A
A
A
A
A
H



I
CLEARLY
SAW

YOU TWO
LEAVING
THE HOTEL
TOGETHER
...



WE
CAN DEAL
WITH THAT
ONCE IT
ACTUALLY
HAPPENS.

PANIC

GLANCE

GLANCE

IF SOMEONE
OVERHEARS A
HIGH SCHOOLER
TALKING ABOUT
THIS WITH A
MIDDLE-AGED
MAN, IT'LL BE
REALLY BAD
FOR ME SO
DON'T SAY
THAT WORD
...!!



It's fine if
the person I
like has built
a physical
relationship
with some-
one.

...
Sorry.



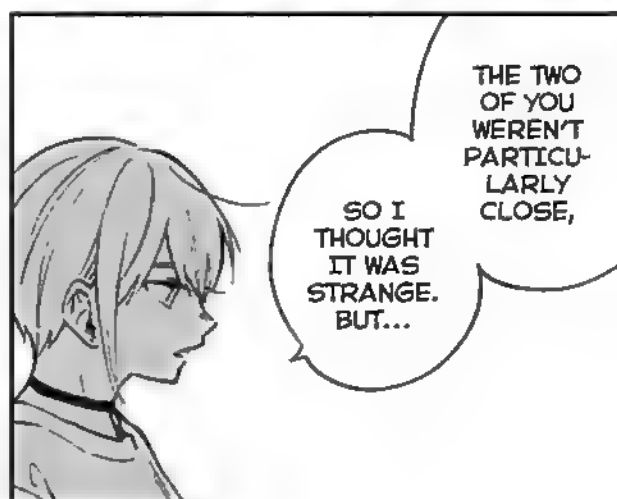
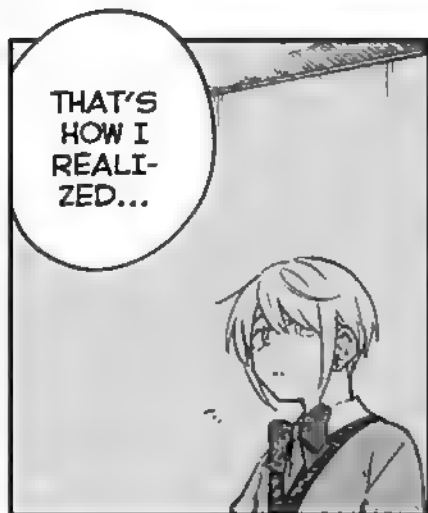
... WELL,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO TELL
ME THE DE-
TAILS.



...
SO I'M
RIGHT
THEN.









PLEASE
GO CONFIRM
WHETHER MY
SPECULATION
IS CORRECT
OR NOT!!

THEN,

... ISN'T
THAT JUST
YUNO-CHAN'S
SPECULA-
TION-



I DEF-
INITELY
LIKE YANO-
SAN MORE
THAN
YOU!!

THEN
PLEASE
GIVE ME
AN OPPOR-
TUNITY TO
SWOOP
IN!!

ANGRY

SHOCK





THEN
PLEASE
ASK HIM
ABOUT
THAT
TOO!!



WHAT
!?

HE WAS
WALKING
WHILE LINKING
ARMS WITH
A GIRL...

NO,
BUT I
SAW THAT
GUY THE
OTHER DAY
AND...

RE-
MEM-
BERS

(TN: Compensated dating when a girl in her teens or early 20s provides companionship to an older man in exchange for money.)



IT'LL
LOOK LIKE
COMPENSATED
DATING*, SO
I'LL BE FINE
ON MY OWN.

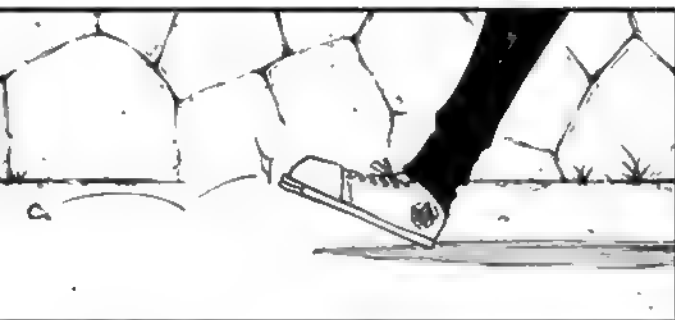
I'LL
TAKE
YOU
HOME.



...
Yes.

SO
PLEASE DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT
SOON!!

THE COM-
PETITION
IS ALSO
APPROACH-
ING,



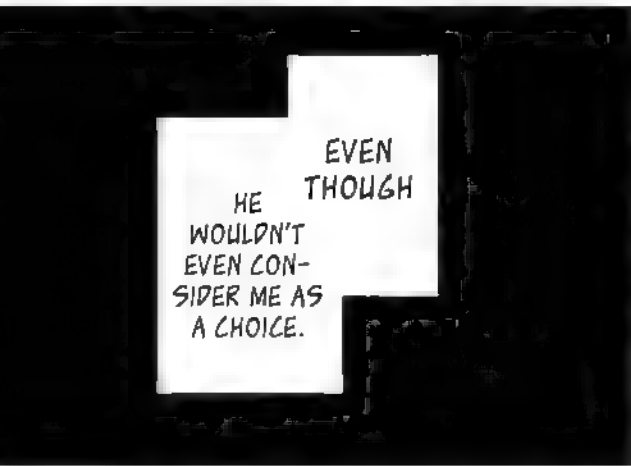
GOOD
NEWS
FOR WHO
...?

I'll be
waiting
for the
good
news!!

Thanks
for the
juice!!

DASH

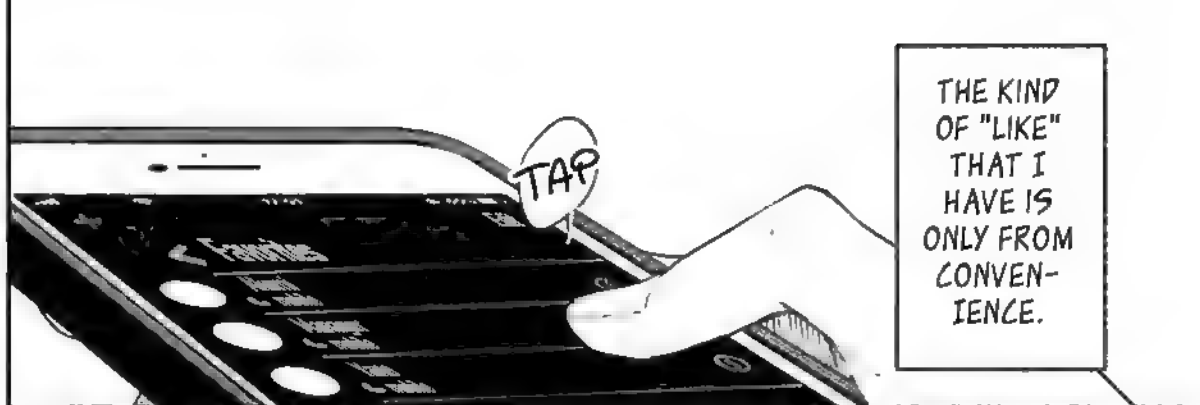








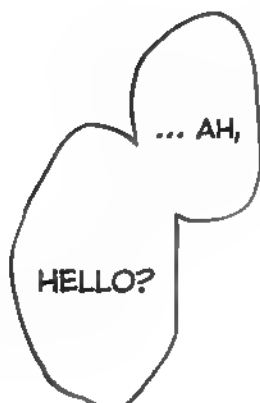




THE KIND
OF "LIKE"
THAT I
HAVE IS
ONLY FROM
CONVEN-
IENCE.



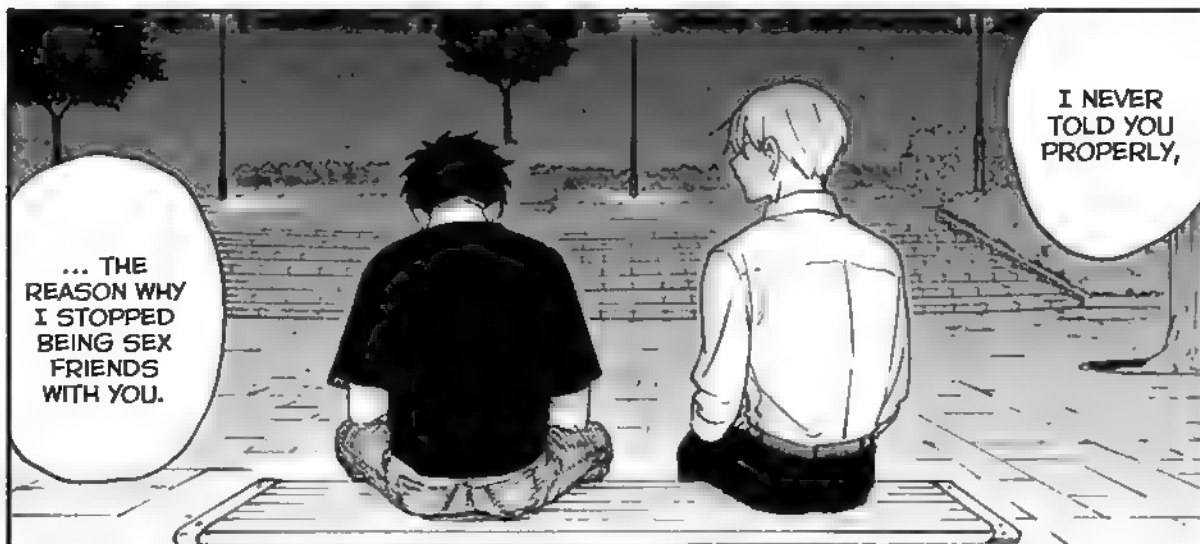
IT DOESN'T
MATCH HIS
LEVEL OF
FEELINGS.





(TN: Soprano is the highest pitch.)











EVEN
THOUGH
I'M JUST
YOUR SEX
FRIEND.



DO
YOU
WANT
TO BE
LOVERS
...?

THEN...

...
HEY,



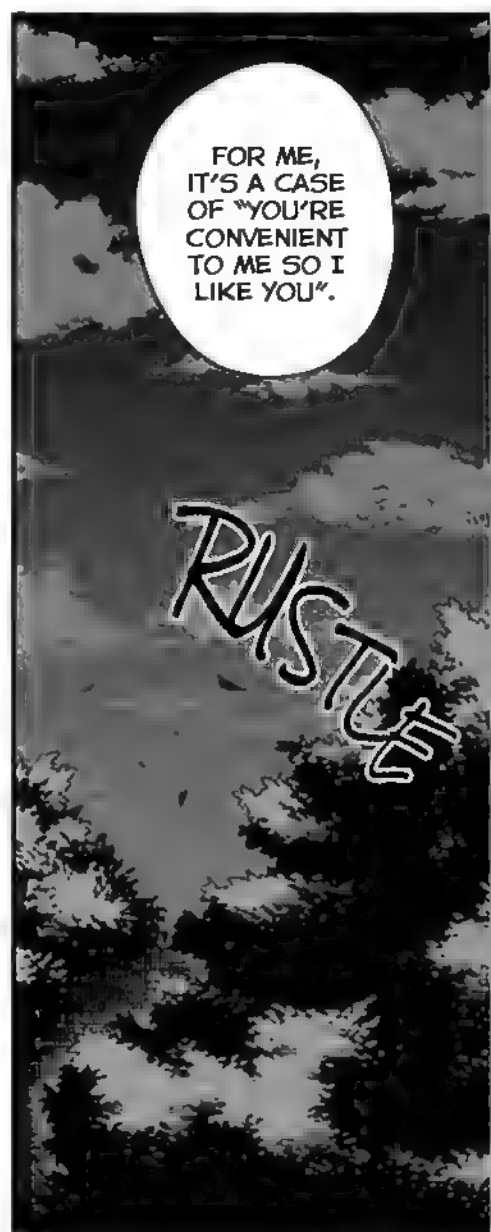
T-



... IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE.

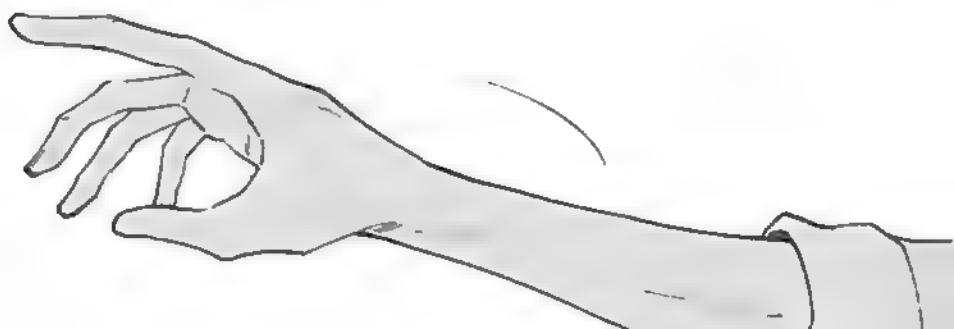
turn







REACH







IT'S
NORMAL
TO FEEL
UNEASY.



... ISN'T
THAT OBVI-
OUS?



YOU
TOLD ME
THAT

"THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
OR BAD
ABOUT
IT."

A
WHILE
AGO,

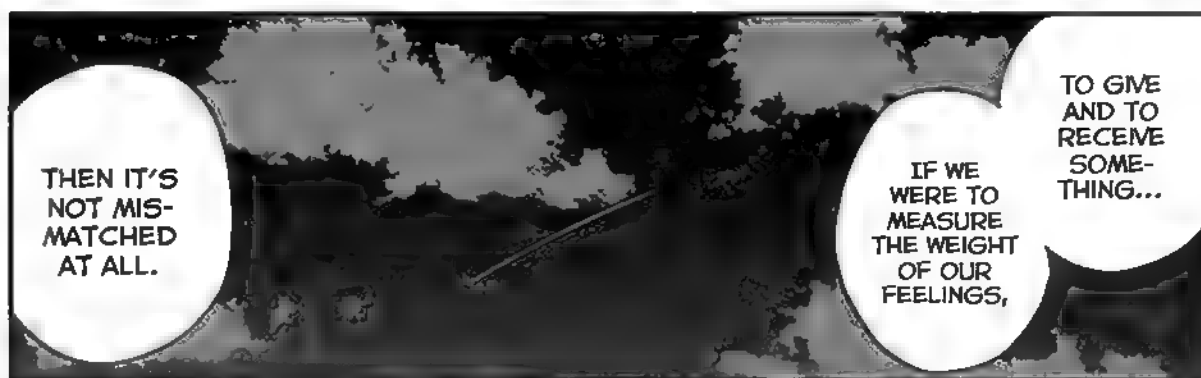


... UM,

SQUEEZE



THAT MADE
ME REALLY
HAPPY,
SHIZUKI-
KUN.





IT'LL
BE FINE.



THAT'S
WHAT THEY
ALL SAY IN
THE BEGIN-
NING.

Flicker



BUT IN
THE END
IT'S USE-
LESS,

IT WAS
THE SAME
WITH ALL
THE GIRLS I
DATED BE-
FORE.







WHY
DON'T
YOU GIVE
IT ONE
LAST
TRY?

TO
CONFIRM
WHETHER
IT'S TRULY
FINE OR
NOT,



BE-
CAUSE,

I CAN'T
GIVE UP IF
IT'S LIKE
THIS.



... WHY
ARE YOU
SO DES-
PERATE?









... I
GUESS
THAT'S
TRUE.









EH?

... SO I WAS
THE REASON
AFTER ALL.



YOU'RE
RIGHT...

STAB

HOW
MANY YEARS
HAVE YOU
BEEN PLAY-
ING THE
FLUTE?

BUT
TO EVEN
MESS UP
THE TUN-
ING,

A
HA
HA...



Ah...
Yeah...

YOU
WERE
ACTING
WEIRD
YESTER-
DAY.



... MY
BAD.

NO,
NO.

STT

SO I
HAD A LOT
TO THINK
ABOUT...

YOU
ENDED
IT SO
ABRUP-
TLY,

TO
THINK THAT
I EVEN FOR-
GOT HOW TO
BREATHE...



... I
WAS ALSO
SHOCKED.



SO
YOU'RE
BAD AT
BREATHING
TOO.

smirk



... YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT.

PIERCE



... SHIZUKI-
KUN, WILL
YOU TEACH
ME THEN?





Their meeting place
was at a large park.

Since
we're here
anyway, do
you want
to play for
a bit?

Don't you
want to
go on the
swings?

There's
really no
mood at
all...

THEY WENT
HOME AFTER
ENJOYING THE
SWINGS WITH
ALL THEIR
MIGHT.



LATE
SEPTEMBER

(*TN: Usually competition order goes from Prefecturals (eg Tokyo), to Regionals (eg Kanto), to lastly Nationals.)

I'M SO
FRUSTRATED...
WITH IT
ENDING
LIKE
THAT
...!!

That one
performance
was pretty
insane~

EVERY-
ONE WAS
SO GOOD
THIS YEAR
...

GOLD
IS STILL
GOLD!!

WE TRIED
SO HARD BUT
WE ONLY GOT
THE GOLD
CONSOLATION
PRIZE...

BUT
WE WERE
UNABLE TO
ADVANCE TO
NATIONALS.

THE
COMPETITION
ENDED WITH
OUR TEAM
MAKING IT ALL
THE WAY TO
THE KANTO
STAGE*,

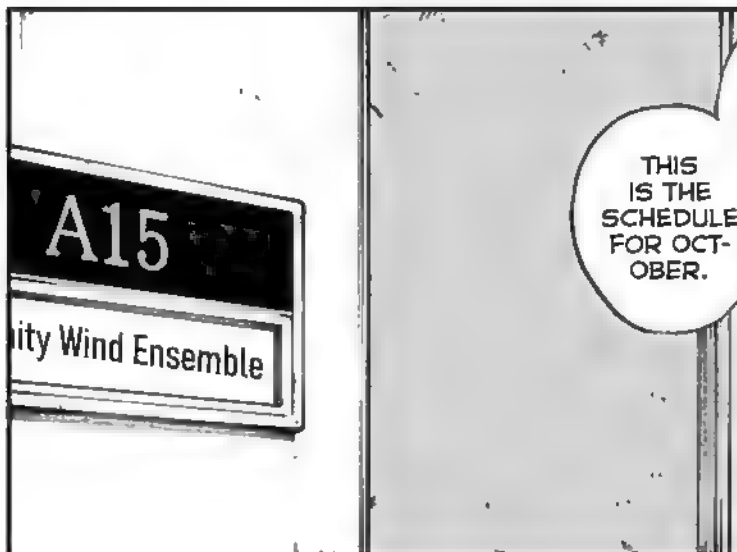
COME
OVER HERE,
MINORS,
DON'T GET
INVOLVED
WITH
THEM...

~THE ADULTS WHO ARE RELEASING ALL THEIR EMOTIONS THROUGH ALCOHOL~

THE THINGS
TO DO HAVE
ALL PILED UP
NONSTOP.

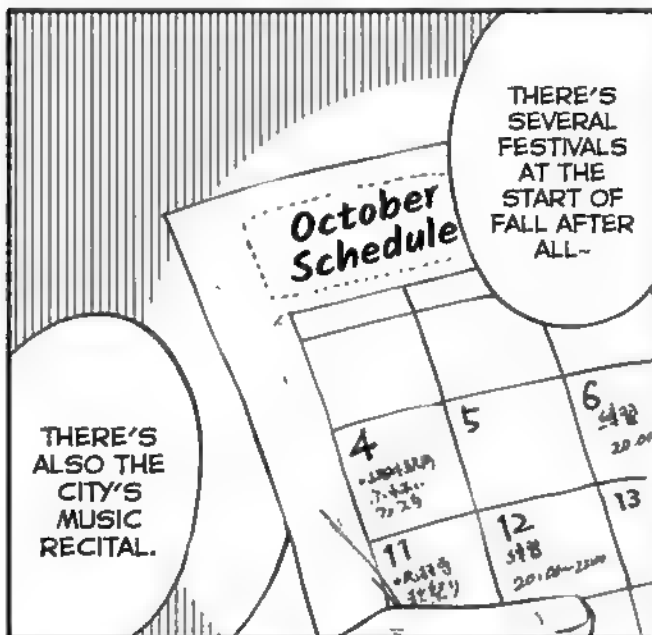
THERE'S
WORK,
REGULAR
CONCERTS
AND LOCAL
FESTIVALS.

HAVING SAID
THAT, WE
DIDN'T HAVE
THE TIME TO
WALLOW IN
SADNESS.

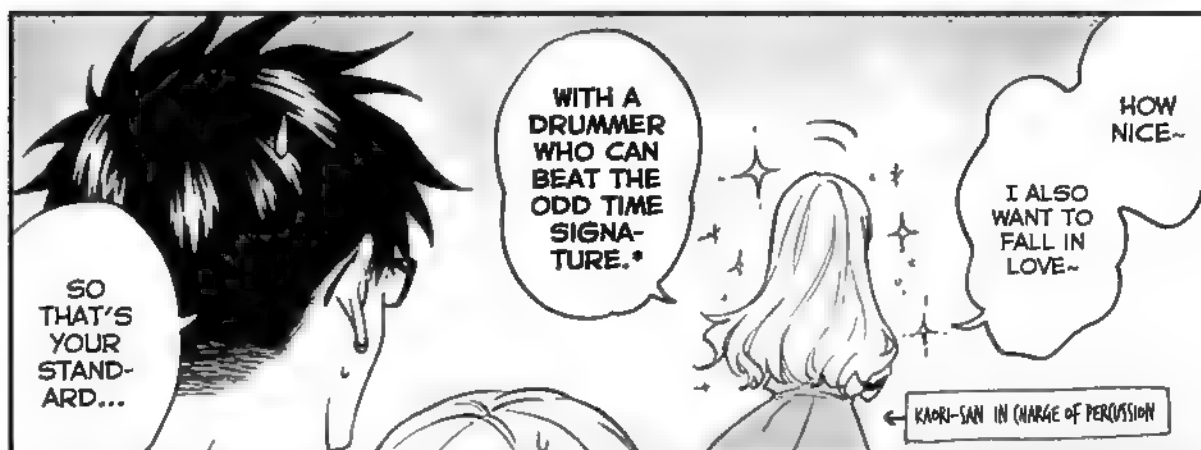


THIS
IS THE
SCHEDULE
FOR OCT-
OBER.

SHIZUKI-
KUN.





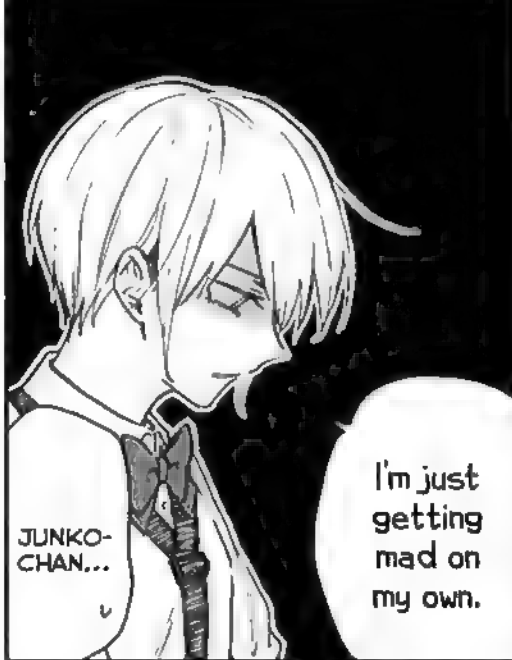


(*TN: An odd time signature is any time signature that doesn't fit into the three regular time signature categories (duple time, triple time, quadruple time).)





WHAT ARE
YOU GUYS
TALKING
ABOUT?



JUNKO-
CHAN...

I'm just
getting
mad on
my own.



PLEASE
DON'T
APOLO-
GIZE.



...
ah~!

IT'S
ABOUT
THE ATMO-
SPHERE.



IT
DOESN'T
FEEL LIKE
HE GOT
FATTER
THOUGH
...

EH?

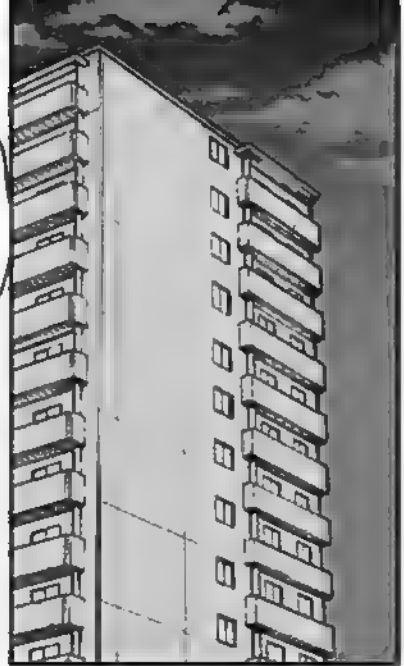
ABOUT HOW
SHIZUKI-SAN
HAS GOTTEN
SOFTER.







...CHANGED
THAT
MUCH?



AH~

rustle
rustle

THAT'S
RIGHT.



WHAT
DID?

THE THING
ABOUT ME
BECOMING
MELLOW.



No,
no.

slump

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE
...



BEFORE,

IT
FELT LIKE
YOU ONLY
INTERACTED
WITH
OTHERS ON
A SURFACE
LEVEL.

SHOCK





(*TN: A large topic of debate in Japan is whether you're team mushroom or team bamboo shoot for the Meiji brand chocolate biscuit sweets.)



YOUR
FLUTE
BECAME
A MESS,

BUT
BECAUSE I
WAS TOO
NONCOM-
MITTAL,

AND
I EVEN
GOT THE
UNRELATED
JUNKO-CHAN
INVOLVED.



WILL ONLY
RESULT IN
CREATING
EVEN MORE
TROUBLE IN
THE END.

THERE'S
NO POINT
IF TRYING
TO AVOID
TROUBLE-
SOME
THINGS
...



I'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
FORGET
IT.

YOU'RE STILL
CONCERNED
OVER WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH JUNKO-
CHAN.



SHIZUKI-
KUN...







YOU SAID
THAT EVEN
IF YOU GOT A
LOVER, YOU'D
STILL PUT YOUR
OWN SELF-
ENJOYMENT AS
YOUR TOP
PRIORITY,

BE-
CAUSE
A WHILE
AGO,

YOU'VE
REALLY
MELLOWED
OUT.

HA?

WHAT,
WHY?

Fix-
ing my
breath-
ing...

RIGHT...?

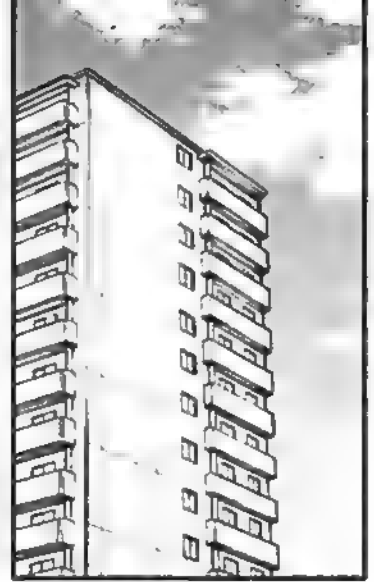
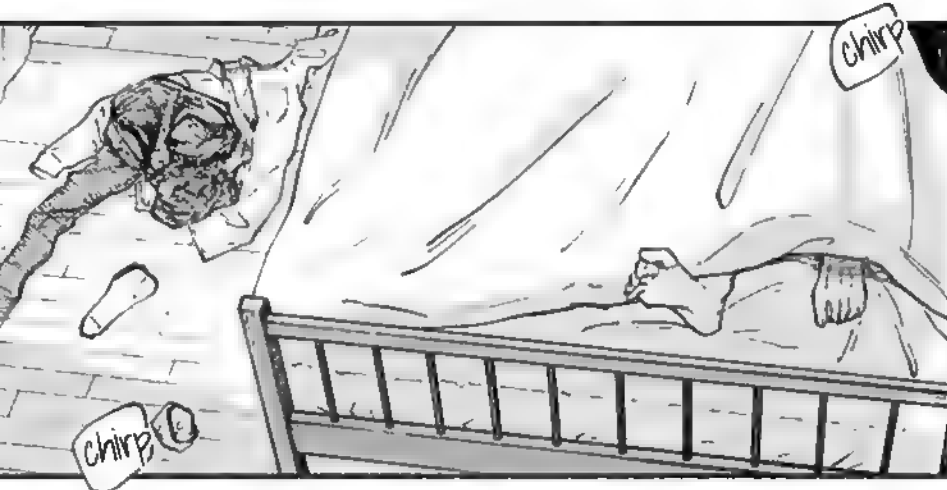






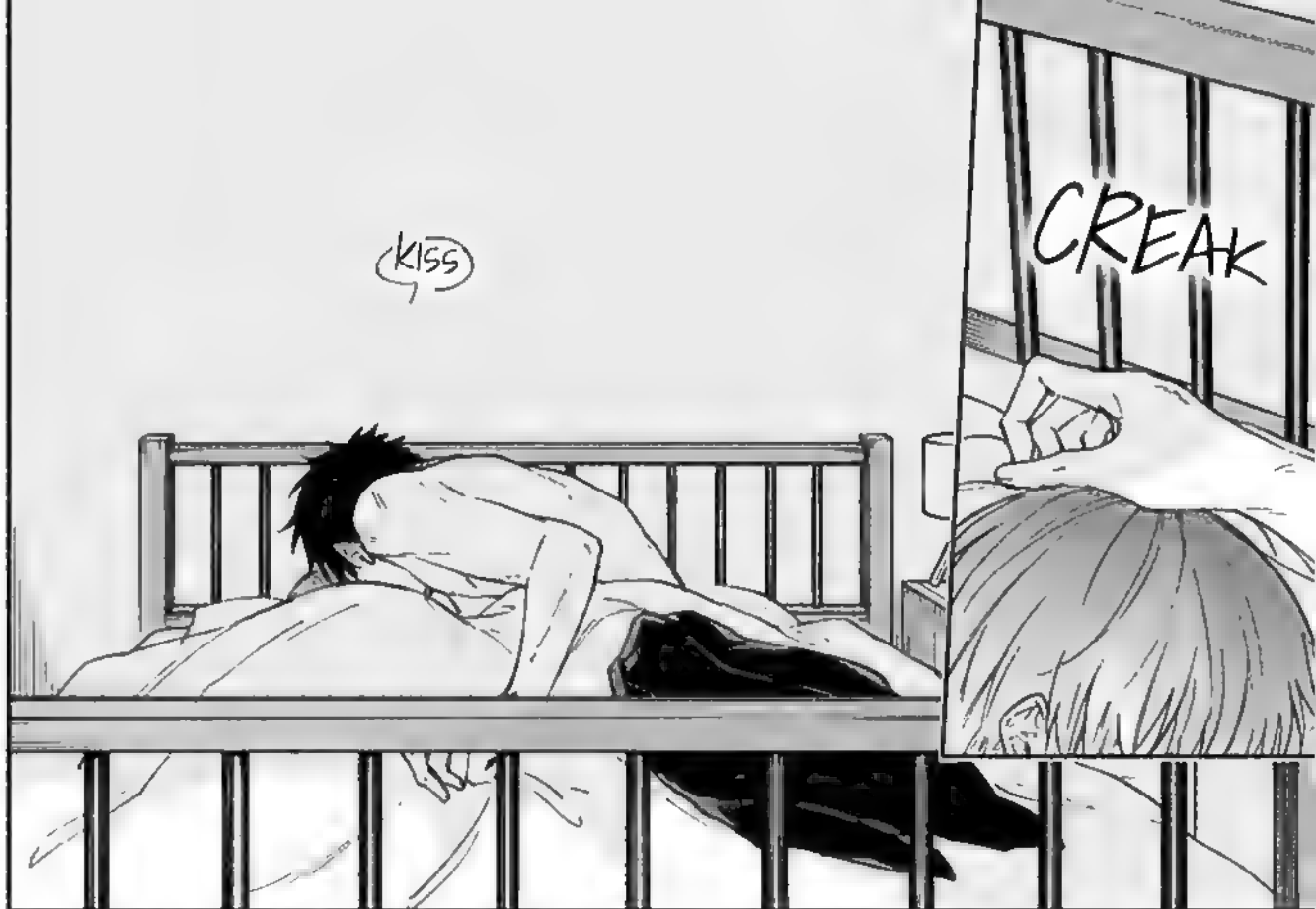
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Afterword

Hello. I'm Zeniko Sumiya.

Thank you very much for picking up "You're the reason I can't breathe"!! It was my first time depicting the sensitive relationship between sex friends so during the serialization, I was nervous and had a lot of worries. But I'm glad that I was able to wrap it up properly. When thinking about how these two who started with a physical relationship will reach a conclusion~

The words which my Mom said, "If it's with the person you like, then even sitting on the lawn will be fun" pierced the essence and made me think "Exactly that!!!!!!".

Isn't this sentence extremely good? I especially want to engrave it on my tombstone. The essence of love isn't about the distance between the body but the distance between the heart...

Although I don't really know anything about love....

It'd be nice if Yano and Shizuki's relationship moves towards being that of "even sitting on the lawn is fun".

Thank you for reading it up until here!!

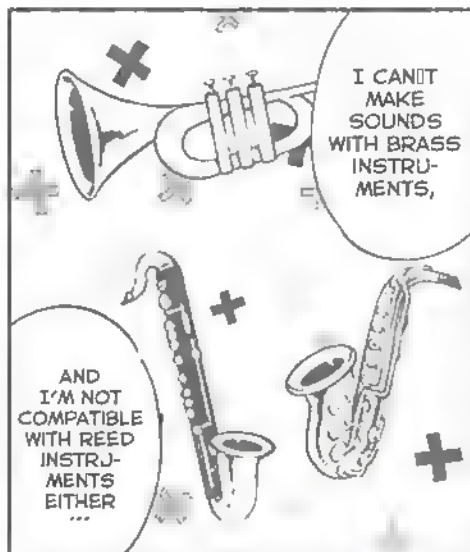
Let's meet again somewhere!!

SPECIAL THANKS

- ★ Manager S-san: I've caused you a lot of trouble and inconvenience...! Also for thinking about the title, thank you very much...!!
- ★ Shindou-san: Thank you so much for the details on the tones, beta processing, and background!!!
- ★ Watanabe-san: Thank you soooooo much for the backgrounds and drawings of the instruments....!!
- ★ Editor-in-chief's younger sister: Thank you very much for lending me your flute...!!
- ★ Everyone in the editorial department, mom, and all the readers

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THE ONES
I CAN PLAY
PROPERLY
ARE THE
PIANO AND
FLUTE...



BRASS
INSTRU-
MENTS ARE
IMPOSSI-
BLE.

IF
IT'S JUST
MAKING A
SOUND THEN
... OTHER
WOODWINDS
ARE ALSO
OKAY...

SAXO-
PHONES
ARE MORE
OR LESS
THE SAME,

The instruments that
Shizuki can play



I'll lend
it to you
so play
it!



WHOA

Shizuki-
kun, you
can play
the flute!?

IT'S
NOT LIKE
IT'S THAT
RARE.

THE CHANGE FROM SAX -> FLUTE IS QUITE COMMON

(*TN: A big band is a type of musical ensemble of jazz music.)



So
hard to
play~

EH,
JAZZ
...?

IF
YOU PLAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
I'LL TOTALLY
FALL FOR
YOU...

tremble

A MAN WHO WAS IN A BIG BAND
FROM HIGH SCHOOL ~ 20Y O.

Digital Version Special Storyboard Extras

*A special compilation of a phantom
episode that wasn't able to be
included in the comic ♡*

THERE'S
AROUND 3
HOURS UNTIL
THE AWARDS
CEREMONY
...

SO I
WANT US
TO FINISH
BEFORE
THEN.

... I'M
OKAY WITH
WHICH-
EVER,

BUT
DOES
SHIZUKI-
KUN WANT
TO TOP?

loosen

YOU... HAVE
YOU SLEPT
WITH MEN
BEFORE?

NO,
BUT
...

THEN I'LL
BE THE
BOTTOM.

I'LL
PREPARE,
SO JUST
WAIT A
BIT.

EH?

AS
LONG AS
YOU DON'T
GET SOFT,
THEN IT'S
FINE...

IS THAT
OKAY...?
SHIZUKI-
KUN...

Whoa,
so brave~

sigh

SINCE
I'VE DONE
IT A FEW
TIMES BE-
FORE.





DON'T
SAY IT
TWICE.

THAT
IS THE
WORST
...

SERI-
OUSLY THE
WORST.

I
DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER
HIS FACE
OR HIS NAME,
BUT HE WAS
PRETTY
LARGE.

As
expected...

THE
THIRD
AND THE
FOURTH
TIME HAP-
PENED...

I WOULD
GET HIT
ON DURING
WORK AND
JUST LIKE
THAT...

AFTER
THAT,

WHAT
ARE YOU
GETTING
DOWN
FOR?

I
SEE
...

upset

...



So
cute, call
me that
again!

SHUT
UP.

'Yukiji-
kun'!?

ARE YOU
DISAPPOINTED
THAT YOUR
LOVER SLEPT
AROUND SO
MUCH,

YUKIJI-
KUN?

AND
I WOULD
BE COMPE-
TING WITH
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
SO IT'S
FINE, BUT
...

I KNEW
THAT YOU
SLEPT WITH
A LOT OF
GIRLS,

It's not
that I
was disa-
ppoint-
ed...

No...

Ah~...





OR
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT.

I
WANTED
TO BE-

YOUR
FIRST
MAN...



THAT'S
RIGHT...

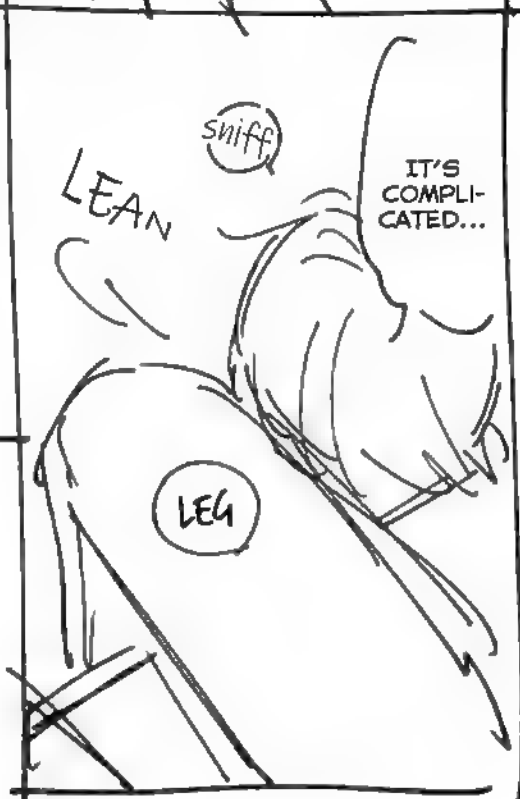
THAT'S
RIGHT,
BUT...

IT'S
IRREVER-
SIBLE
AFTER
ALL...



OUCH.

DON'T
GET
TEARY
AT THIS
AGE.



sniff

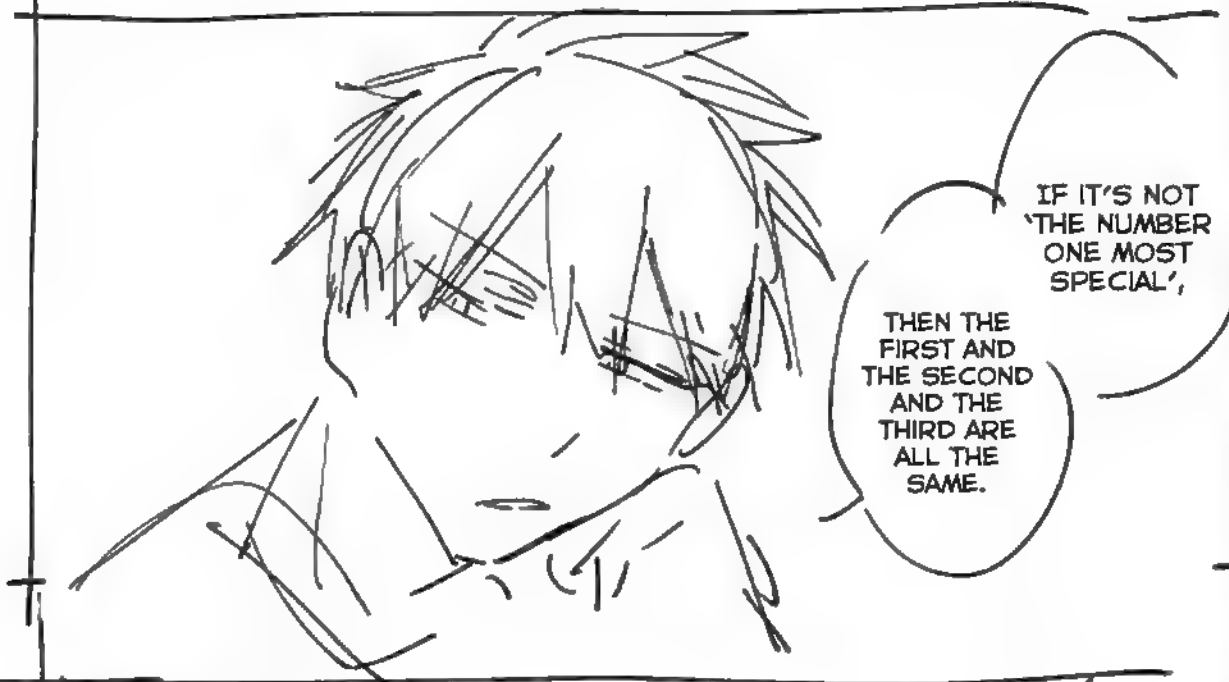
IT'S
COMPLI-
CATED...

LEAN

LEG



ANYWAY,
THE FIRST
TIME ISN'T
REALLY THAT
IMPORTANT.



IF IT'S NOT
'THE NUMBER
ONE MOST
SPECIAL',

THEN THE
FIRST AND
THE SECOND
AND THE
THIRD ARE
ALL THE
SAME.



THEN,
WHAT
AM I?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

... SO IT'S
THE SAME
AS THE
USELESS
GOLD?

※ USELESS GOLD - THE GOLD PRIZE GIVEN
TO PARTICIPANTS WHO DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR
THE NEXT ROUND IN BAND COMPETITIONS.



EVEN
MORE SO
IF I DON'T
REMEMBER
IT.

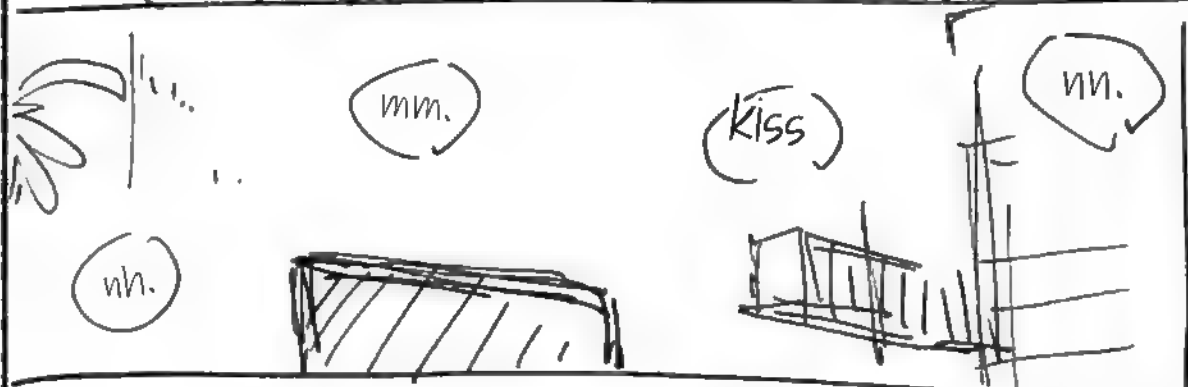


Sit

HE
KNOWS
BUT HE
STILL
WANTS TO
HEAR IT



Haa





... ARE
YOU SAT-
ISFIED,

YUKIJI-
KUN?



It's
embar-
rassing,
so no.



I love
you*...
Look this
way...

The End

(*TN: Yano uses 大好き (daisuki) here.)

YOU'RE
REALLY
GOOD AT
DESTROYING
THE MOOD...

TO
THINK THAT
I CAN HOLD
SOMEONE
THIS COOL
MAKES ME
EXTREMELY
EXCITED...

grin

grin

PLUS
YOU ALSO
LOOK LIKE
YOU'RE
FEELING
GOOD.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
I WANT TO
TOUCH YOU
A LOT,

YOU
SPEND
TOO
LONG
BEFORE
PUTTING
IT IN.

THAT'S
FINE,
BUT...

I WANT
TO DO IT
TODAY~

Discipline

The End

Let's go on a date < 23:00 >



The Power of Alcohol

ビボピーコミックス

〈初出〉

息できないのは君のせい

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浮かれた男たちの朝 描き下ろし

あとがき 描き下ろし

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「Shizuki-kun, you're not good at breathing.」

*The stage is the city's wind ensemble group.
The hedonistic womanizing saxophonist Jun
Shizuki has a clear weakness for the popular
prince-like flute player, Yukiji Yano.
The two clearly don't interact during
practice, but due to a certain common
interest, there's repeated secret meetings
at a hotel---!?*

pixivコミックで圧倒的人気を誇る
「息でキ」待望の単行本化！
コミックス限定描き下ろし「朝チュン」収録！



IKIDEKINA
NOHA



白
思
で
ま

発売日
あり

3日

息で

発売日

2010

2日





白でめ

東北電力

1日





9月29日おし

ピーボーイP!様に

「息できないのは君のせい」

連載開始です。

よろしく願います。

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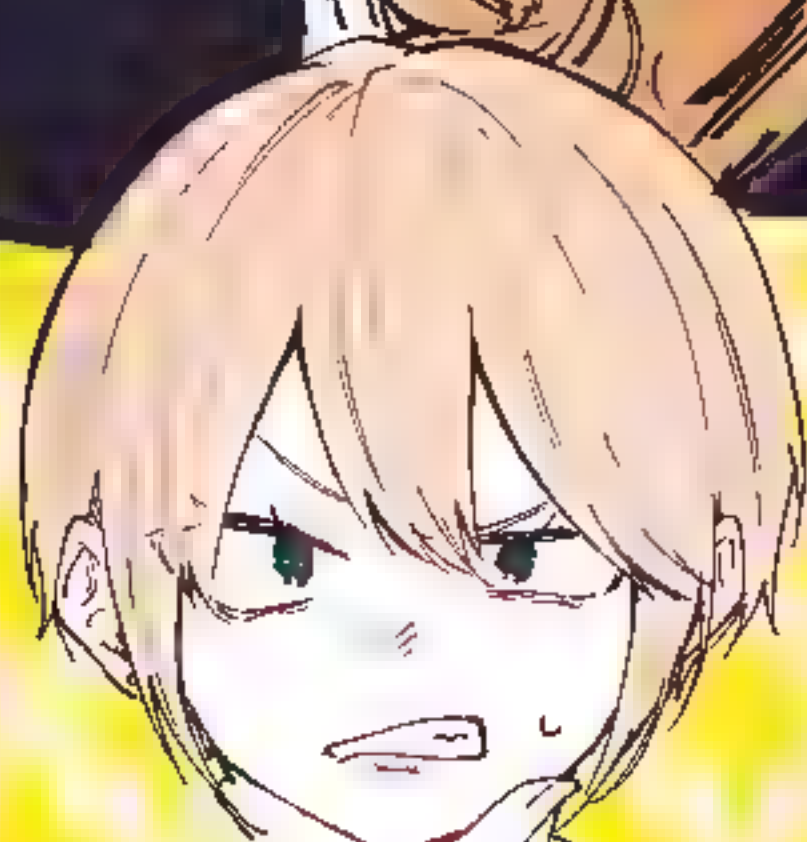
天野

志保

君のせい
お願いします!!



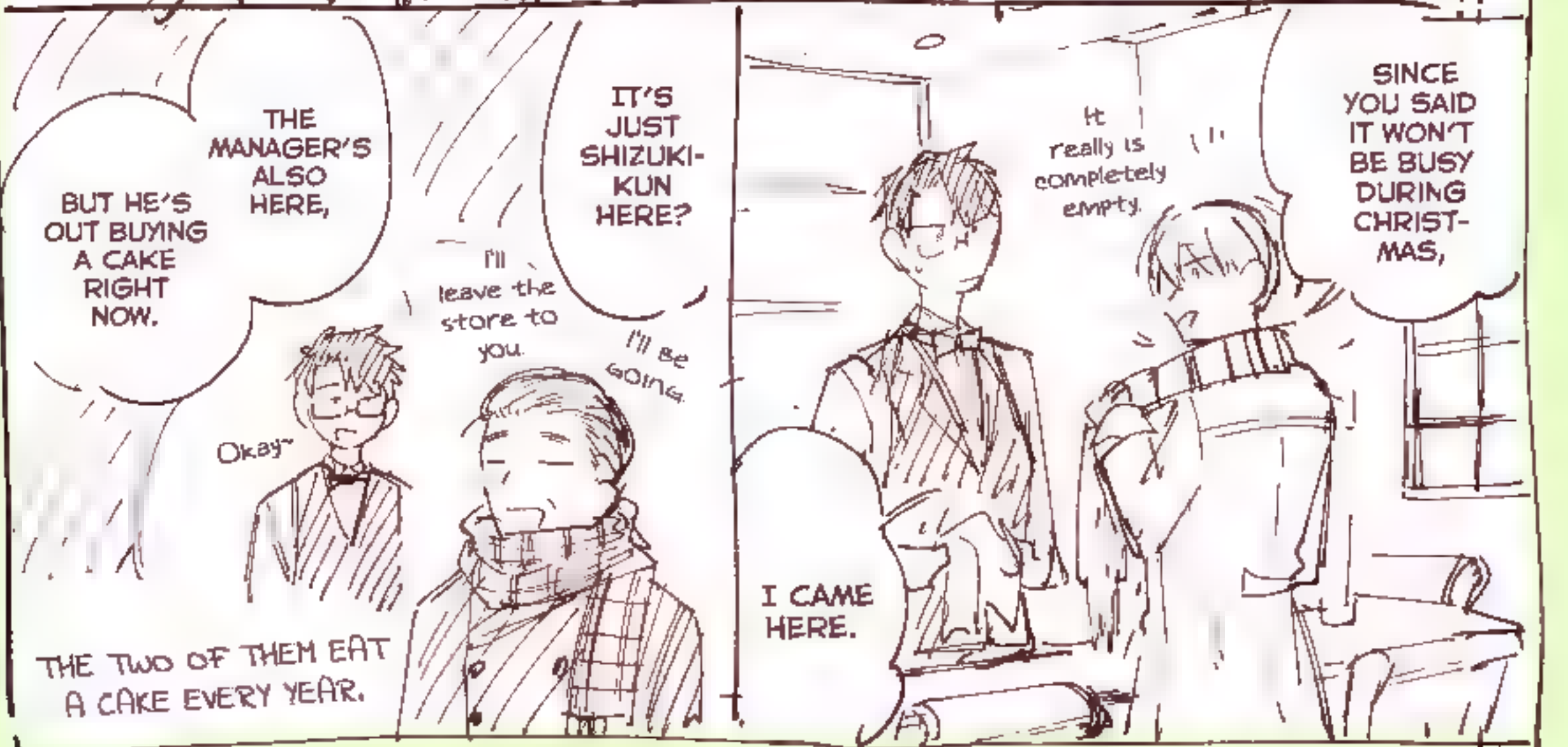
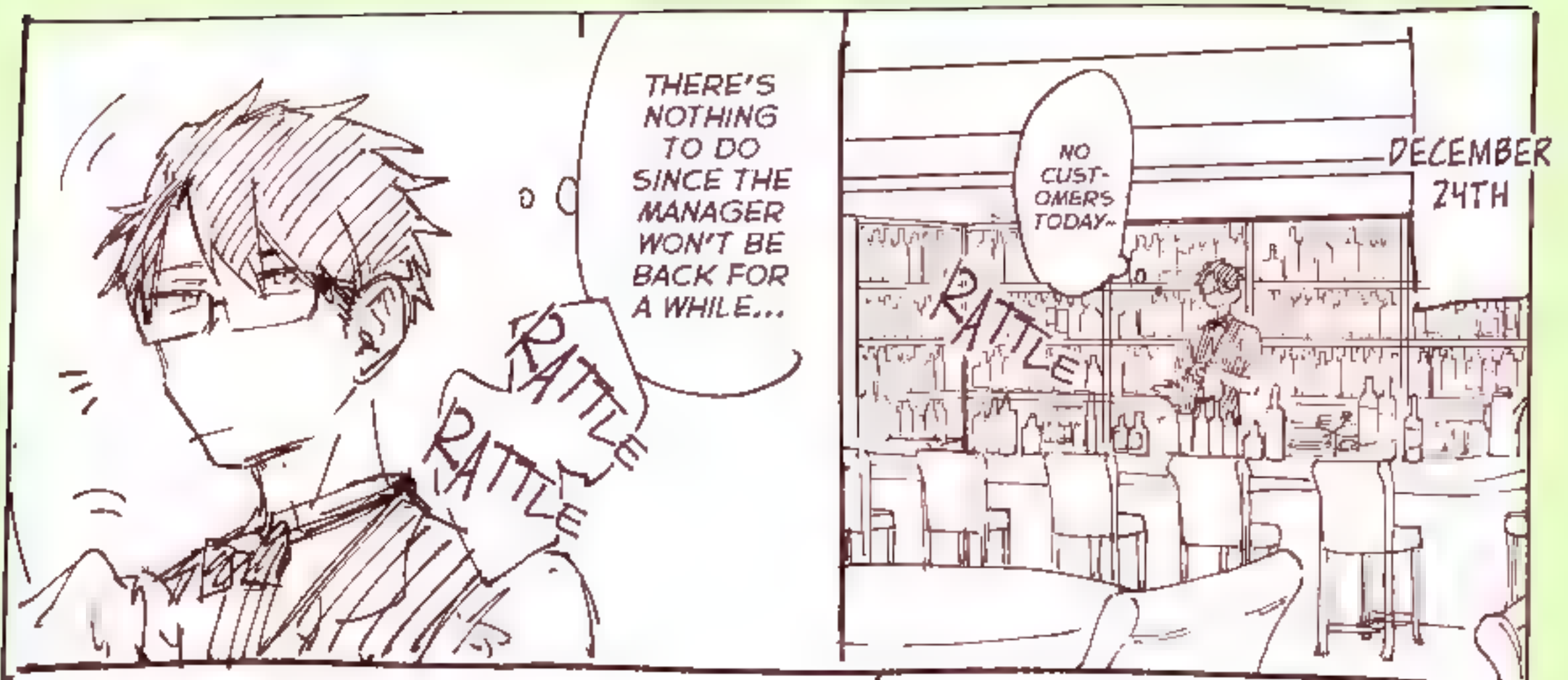
@blossom_miz



mlb

JKに~~は~~来ない

カブチエリ



Fufu

THEN
THAT
MEANS
WE'RE
ALONE
HERE.

THAT'S
TRUE.

IT'S
LIKE WE
RESERVED
THE WHOLE
PLACE~ HOW
NICE.

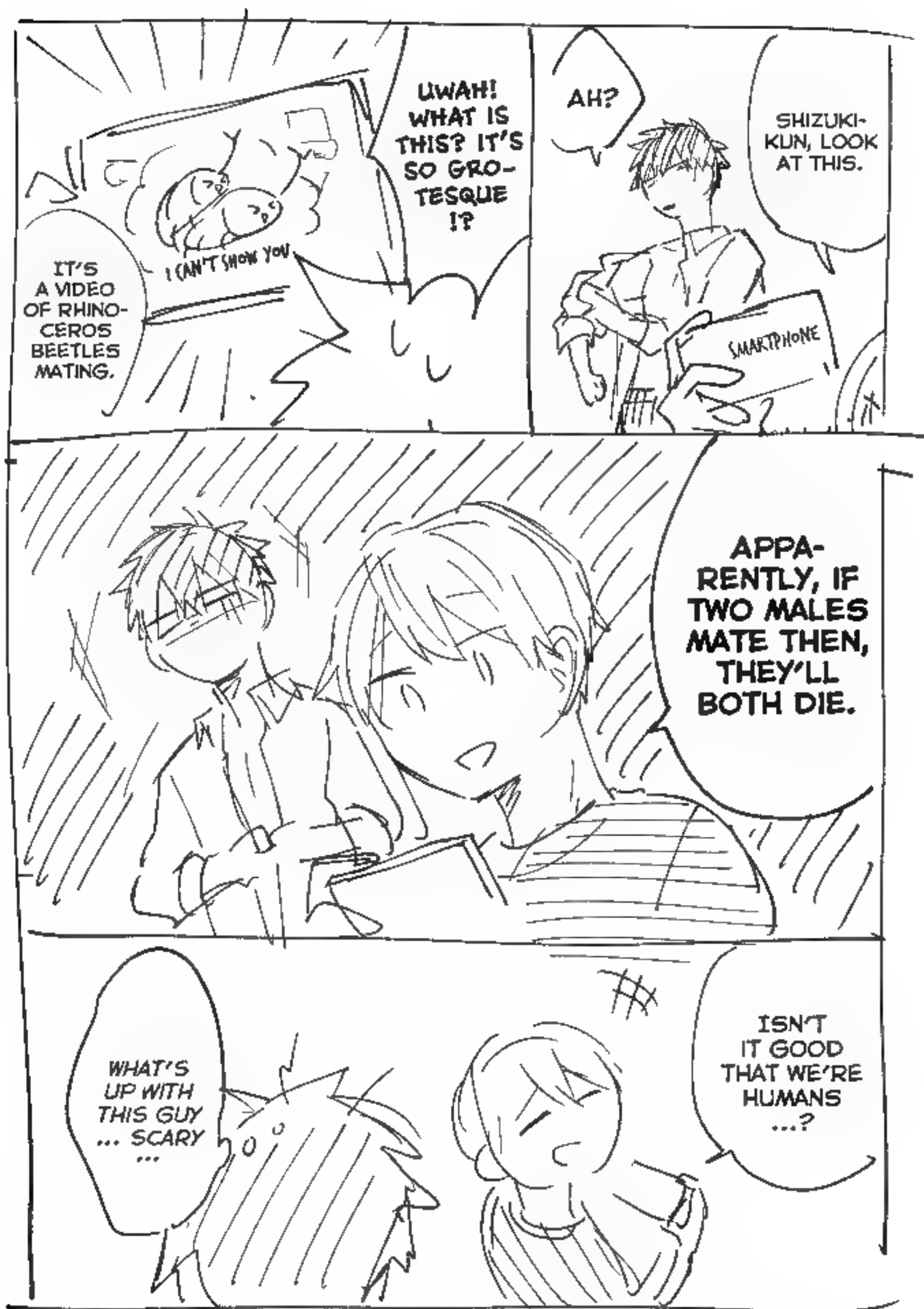
OKAY,
OKAY.

Hot
Buttered
Rum Cow.

... WHAT
DRINK
DO YOU
WANT?

The Happy Two.





An Idiot's Pillow Talk

REALIZATION
DURING THE
2ND YEAR OF
BEING SEX
FRIENDS.

DOES
SHIZUKI-KUN
PERHAPS LIKE
MY FACE
QUITE A
BIT?

rub
rub







（自）できないのは
君のせい
祝！1周年！

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ごさいます!!
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